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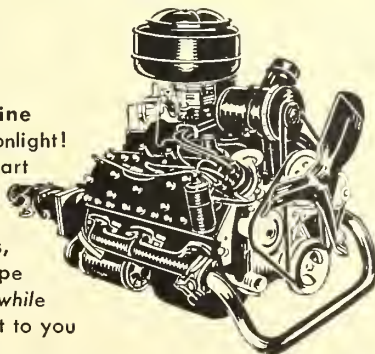
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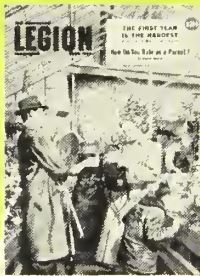


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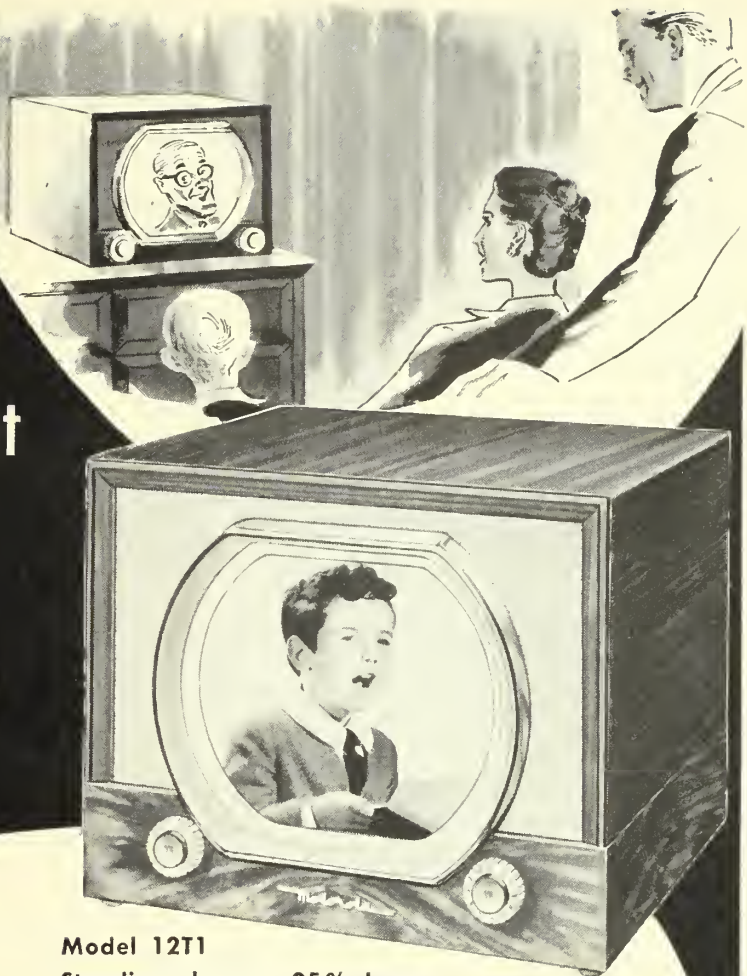
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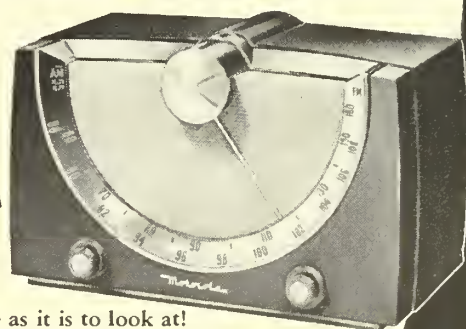
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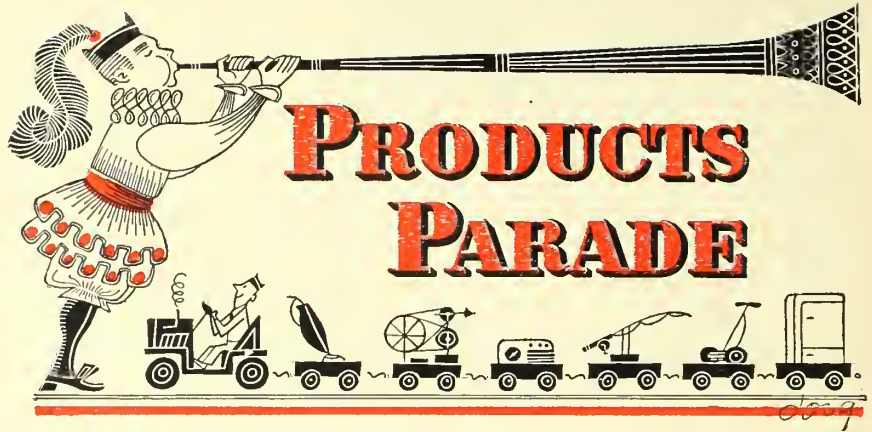
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PRODUCTS PARADE

A sampling of items which are in process of development or are coming on the market. Mention of products in no way constitutes an endorsement of them, since in most cases they are described as represented by manufacturers.

A NEAT COLLAR FOR ONE-TENTH OF A DOLLAR. With the research laboratories of all the giant shirt factories working full-blast trying to make collars stay down, it took an ex-Chaplain, Claude M. Haygood, to solve the problem in the simplest way you can imagine. We won't attempt to describe his New Look Collar Pin, except to say that it makes surprising use of two common items to make a collar pin that really works. You can see for yourself by sending a dime to the New Look Pin Co., 1621 S. Court St., Montgomery, Ala. You may even decide you want to sell some yourself. Mr. Haygood is looking for agents and distributors.



PISCATORIAL STUFF. To avoid the messy surgery that is often required to get a hook out of a fish, the Krichbaum Tool Co., of Brighton, Mich., has developed a K-T Fish Hook Remover that is both simple and efficient. It is a metal tube-like affair with a slot running down one side. The line is slipped into the slot, the tube is slid down on the hook, the line is pressed tight, and the hook twisted free and pulled out. The hook remover comes in two sizes; one for pan-size fish sells for 10¢, a size for large fish (and hooks) costs 20¢.

ADMISSION BY CARD ONLY. Thousands of Legionnaires are said to be letting themselves into their Posts these days by means of an ingenious device patented by Legionnaire M. J. Noregaard. This is a door lock which can be opened only by the insertion of a member's card which is held in a special plastic envelope. Insertion of this "card-key" into a slot activates an electric circuit which opens the door. The lock, incidentally, can be changed at each new dues collection period, so backsliding members can't get in. The device is being sold by Card-Key Systems, Inc., an all-veteran outfit located at 6373 De Longpre Ave., Hollywood, Cal. The lock costs \$25, and membership card keys are 25¢.

WANT PINBALL PETE IN YOUR FAMILY? On page 11 you will read about a fabulous character who could make a pinball machine sit up and beg. If this story inspires you to become a virtuoso like Pete, you can get started with a miniature pinball game being made by Taplin Toys, Inc., 40th Ave., South, Minneapolis, Minn. Called Happy-Tappy, this toy is made of Bakelite and the player is supposed to shoot the steel balls into the eyes, nose and mouth of the molded-in face. The retail price is \$1.



GOLF BALL RETRIEVER. If you wallop your golf ball into a pond, over a barbed wire fence or alongside a snorting bull, all is not lost if you are packing an amazing device called a Pik-up. For a Pik-up is an arm which has an 11-foot reach when extended, and at the end it has a gimmick something like the grocer uses to get a box of Wheaties off the top shelf. And come to think of it, even if you're only a grocer and not a golfer, there's probably nothing to stop you from buying a Pik-up to use in your store. It ought to work well with boxes of cereal and it should be fine for picking walnuts or crabapples out of baskets. If you'd like to try one, the manufacturer is the Martin Staunt Co., 4439 W. Rice St., Chicago. His price is \$5.95 for the standard model and \$8.95 for the deluxe type.

PLANNING ANY PICNICS? It's a cinch to make your own picnic table with a set of table legs being made and sold by Legionnaires Harold VandeWater and William Dowsett, Jr., who run the East Moline Metal Products Co., of East Moline, Ill. The legs, selling for \$7.95 a set F.O.B., are made of heavy 14-gauge steel, electrically arc welded and engineered for maximum strength. They come with holes drilled for securing top and benches. Three 1 by 10-inch or 2 by 10-inch boards complete the top, and two 2 by 10-inch boards complete the benches. Length is optional, but 6 or 8 feet is usually preferred. Feet are drilled for securing to a permanent base, if desired.



TRICKY TOWEL HOLDER. An ingenious towel holder which mounts almost flush with the wall is being marketed by Novel Appliances, Inc., 13 E. 16th St., New York City 3. Instead of the traditional projecting rods, the Super E-Z Grip, as it is called, has three openings into which towels or dishrags are pushed, and held secure by a flexible rubberized substance. The holder's overall length is 10½ inches, and it is attractively finished in white. No screws are necessary to mount it since it can be quickly attached to the wall by a special adhesive supplied with the device. The price is \$1, postpaid.

CHANGE IN BAD WEATHER. With Spring showers almost certain this month, the Eichenbaum Umbrella Co., 298 Fifth Ave., New York City, is rushing out a new line of umbrellas that do more than keep you dry. By means of a clever coin holder built into the handle they give you a small fistfull of change, ready for use. Three slots in the handle hold a generous working supply of nickels, dimes and pennies. As though that weren't enough, the umbrella itself is made of clear Vinylite plastic so you can see where you're going. All this for only \$3.98 at department stores and specialty shops.



CONCERNING FOREIGN CAMERAS. Even if you aren't a camera fan you'll be interested in several recent developments in foreign cameras since they bear on East-West relations. A short time ago announcement was made of a new camera called the Contax-S. Costing \$475 it was said to be produced in "the original Zeiss-Ikon Works in Dresden, Germany." The announcement did not point out that Dresden is in the Soviet Zone.

A few days after this announcement was made, an official of Carl Zeiss, Inc., in New York, denied that the Contax-S was an authentic Zeiss-Ikon product. Headquarters of Zeiss-Ikon, he said, is now in Stuttgart, in the U. S. Zone of Germany, and the group making the Contax-S has no right to either the Zeiss-Ikon or Contax name. The authentic Zeiss-Ikon concern produces such cameras as the Ikontas, Super Ikontas and Ikonflex, and has just come out with an improved 1950 model of the well-known Contax II called the Contax II-A. Selling for \$385 it is smaller and lighter than the pre-war type and has many new features.

The moral of all this is, be careful in buying a foreign camera, especially if the camera comes from Eastern Germany or a Soviet satellite country. Even if you don't mind if your dollars go to the Kremlinites, you may find your dollars buying sub-standard merchandise. You aren't even protected by trade-marks that once meant top quality, since the Russians don't worry much about maintaining capitalist business reputations.

In contrast, photo equipment coming out of the Western Zone of Germany can be bought with confidence. Not long ago, for instance, Franke & Heidecke, of Brunswick, in the British Zone, announced a new line of Rolleiflexes which makes the position of this famous twin-lens camera even more secure as the most advanced of its type. Rolleis now have built-in flash synchronization and a more versatile finder, but the most striking departure of the line is a model with a fast f 2.8 lens. This sells for \$325. Equipped with an f 3.5 Zeiss Tessar, the camera sells for \$275; and with an f 3.5 Schneider Xenar it costs \$235.

And that brings up the subject of lenses. Today many Zeiss lenses are coming from the Russian Zone since the Americans were forced to relinquish Jena to the Red Army, and the well-known curtain was clamped down. Other Zeiss lenses, however, are being made at the Opton-Werke in the U. S. Zone by Zeiss workmen who didn't want to stay at Jena when it was handed over to the Russians. Now Zeiss lenses have always been good, and it's a safe assumption that those being made in the U. S. Zone will continue to be good. However, if you like German lenses you might also consider the Schneider line. The Schneider plant was not damaged during the war and it's now turning out lenses of the finest quality and producing them in quantity. Equally important to the fellow with a budget, they're reasonably priced.

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How'd you like to spend a year in a hospital without having a friend or relative visit you? That happened to one-third—or about 17,000—of the mental patients in VA hospitals this past year!

WHY YOU HAVE TO GO GET 'EM

Here's another reason why it's always best to make personal contact with prospective Legion members in order to make sure to sign 'em up. Every Legion prospect was in the Army, Navy, Marines or Coast Guard . . . and where else did a guy ever learn the motto: "Never volunteer!"?

AVOID THIS TRAGEDY!

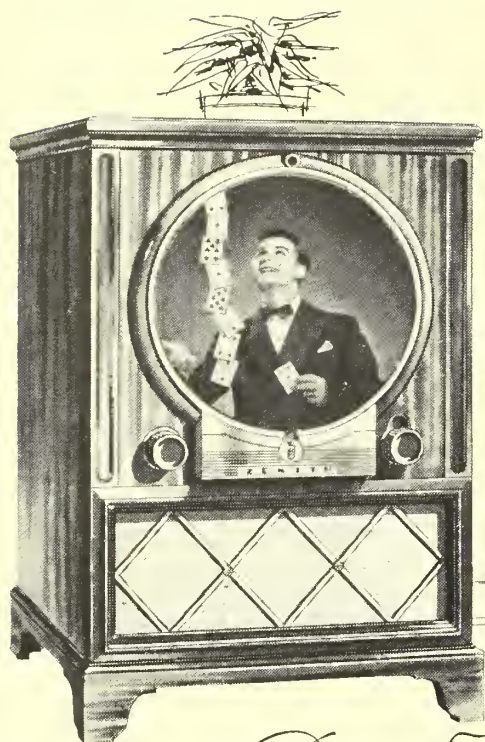
If you were to die do you know who would collect your government life insurance? If you hold War Two insurance (NSLI) that's a pretty serious question. Neither the original certificates nor the policies on converted NSLI insurance now being issued by the VA state who the beneficiary is, so nearly every insured War Two veteran relies on his memory only. There have already been a number of sordid tragedies because veterans died without really knowing, just thinking, who it was they named years ago to collect the insurance.

The most recent of many such tragedies involves a veteran who named his mother as beneficiary when he took out the policy back during the war. Then he married. But he never made his wife the beneficiary. Yet, as the years rolled by, he *thought* he had. At least he told his wife he had. And his wife even paid some of the premiums.

Then, recently, an accident struck him down. His wife, with one child, was left penniless. Her mother-in-law, who had never wasted any love on the young widow, quite legally took and kept the insurance money—though the widow and child were the only true dependents of the veteran when he died.

Usually, only the person designated by the veteran in writing and of record with the Veterans Administration can collect his insurance. There have been some cases where veterans have written in their wills that they left their policies to a certain person. Such statements in wills have no effect if someone else is named in the policy—they only hold if no beneficiary was ever named in the policy. There is a notation on some of the original NSLI certificates bearing the name of a close friend or relative. This is not necessarily the beneficiary—it is usually the person to whom the veteran requested that the certificate be sent while he was in service.

The VA will not give out information on beneficiaries except to the insured veteran himself when requested to do so in a request signed by him. No Service



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†When Phonevision is available, unit may be attached to bring such entertainment as first-run movies, Broadway plays, operas, etc., right into your home.

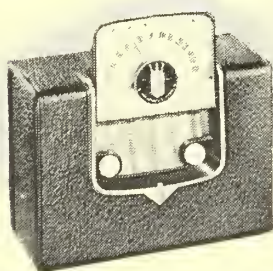
Above, New Zenith "Lincoln" Television Console, with 165 sq. in. Giant Circle Screen. Traditional cabinet of genuine Mahogany veneers. **\$35995**†

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(Date)

Director of Insurance
Veterans Administration District Office
(address of office where you send your premiums.)

Dear Sir:

My name is (your name.) My NSLI policy number is (your policy number.) Please tell me the name of the beneficiary of record and the mode of settlement of my NSLI policy.

Sincerely,

(Sign your name)

(Print your name and address)

If you have more than one policy, list all policy numbers. If you don't know your policy number substitute the following sentence for the second sentence in the letter above: "I do not know my NSLI policy number, but my (Army, Navy, Marine) serial number is (your service serial number)." But don't do that out of laziness. Give the policy number if you possibly can.

Your signature should be your normal signature, whether readable or not. If everything else in the letter is clearly printed or typed so the VA can read it, you should get an answer promptly. Clip that answer to your policy or certificate as a permanent record.

If you want to change your beneficiary write the following letter to the same address:

(Date)

Dear Sir:

I designate (give name of new beneficiary in full, and if a married woman give her own name, that is, Mary Elizabeth Jones, not Mrs. John J. Jones) to be the beneficiary of my NSLI policy, number (number of your policy) in the amount of (face value of the policy). Please send me change-of-beneficiary form.

(Sign your name)

(Print your name and address)

The form the VA will send you will have its own instructions for proper execution. If there is more than one person well-known to you with the same name as the new beneficiary it would help to begin the letter as follows before naming the new beneficiary "I designate (my wife, my sister, my mother, my aunt), . . . etc."

Anybody who has really changed his beneficiary should have an acknowledgment of the change from the VA.

Every holder of NSLI, as a matter of proper conduct of his affairs, should know definitely who his beneficiary is. There is no other way to be sure his wishes will be carried out as he intends.

SAD, BUT TRUE

Though visits disturb some mental patients, most of the 52,000 mental patients in VA hospitals to have had a visit from friend or family during the last year. But 17,000 of them had no such visit! Not one!

Some of the 17,000 mental patients in VA hospitals who had no visit from friend or family during 1949 have no friends or families. But most of them have. Still, no visit during a whole year!

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A STORY WITH AN O. HENRY ENDING



The Telephone Operator who Saved a Life

JUST AS HER OWN LIFE HAD BEEN SAVED TWENTY YEARS BEFORE BY ANOTHER OPERATOR

(From a recent broadcast of the radio program, "The Telephone Hour.")

TWENTY years ago in the busy town of Vineland, New Jersey, Nicholas and Tessie Pennino and their two-year-old daughter, Marjorie, were nearly asphyxiated by coal gas fumes from a stove in their home. Mother and daughter were both unconscious when Mr. Pennino managed to crawl to the telephone and ask faintly for help before he, too, was overcome by the deadly fumes.

A fast-thinking telephone operator for the New Jersey Bell Telephone Company received his call, realized something was wrong, and notified a doctor. Because of that operator's alertness, baby Marjorie and her parents recovered.

But that's not the end. There's a sequel—a sequel that was played nearly twenty years later. It took place in the same kind of setting—a home filled with poisonous gas—a weak voice calling

into a telephone for help, and a telephone operator on the other end who knew just what to do. The cast was different except for the principal player. For this time the operator who traced the desperate call, found the exact location of the house, and notified the police in a matter of minutes, was none other than Marjorie Pennino.

Yes, Marjorie Pennino had grown up and joined the Telephone Company shortly after her graduation from Vineland High School. And so twenty years later, by the same kind of quick thinking that had helped to save her own life, Marjorie helped to save the life of another.

A story with an O. Henry twist, yes! But a true one! And one we think is a pretty good illustration of how telephone people like to give "that extra touch of helpfulness."

"THE TELEPHONE HOUR" WITH THE BELL TELEPHONE ORCHESTRA AND FAMOUS GUEST SOLOISTS, IS BROADCAST EVERY MONDAY NIGHT OVER THE NBC NETWORK. BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM



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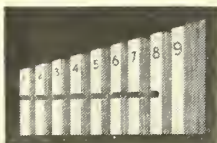


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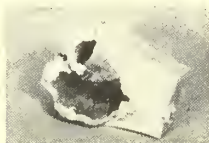
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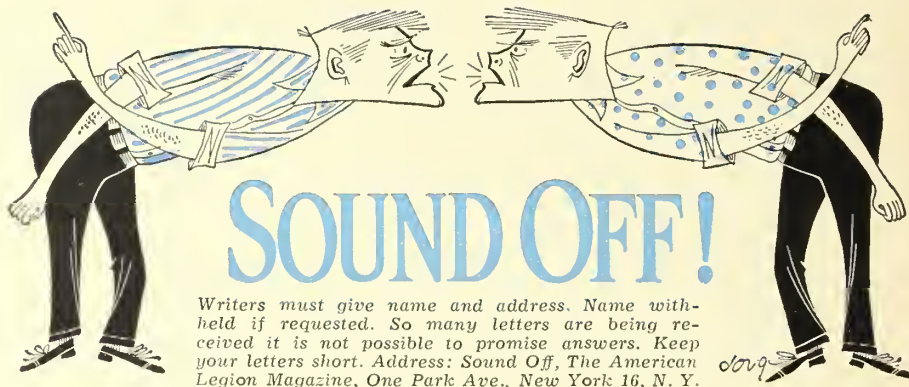
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SOUND OFF!

Writers must give name and address. Name withheld if requested. So many letters are being received it is not possible to promise answers. Keep your letters short. Address: Sound Off, The American Legion Magazine, One Park Ave., New York 16, N. Y.

WHERE IS CHAPLAIN JIM?

Among the victims of "business as usual," both during and since the war, is Chaplain Jim. Many clergymen who thought they were "on leave of absence to the Armed Services" learned early in 1944 that the "ongoing work of the parish" required outright resignations. In some instances their families were evicted from parsonages. However, each chaplain was assured of a church "as good or better" after the war.

But this pious pledge went the way of so many promises to the G.I. As new church fields have opened, our chaplains have frequently been bypassed in favor of men who made "outstanding parish records" during the war. Sometimes one of the latter is kind enough to invite an ex-chaplain to be his assistant.

As secretary of the Chaplains' Fellowship of my denomination, I receive reports on post-war pastoral settlements, or the lack of them. One letter from an ex-chaplain, all too typical, tells of having served 54 months, 30 of them overseas. After three years of vain correspondence and interviews thru every available church channel, the veteran had to abandon his profession in order to feed his children.

Another resigned a \$5,000 parish to enlist. After an outstanding war record in the Air Force he returned to find a new bishop over his diocese who regarded him as a stranger. His three children are in their teens. He says: "I am paid \$125 a month by the Missionary District for the care of three congregations. If it were not for my wife's salary teaching, we would be on the breadline."

And so it goes. Chaplain Jim needs help! He must take his problems to someone, why not to his buddies?

If churches which are changing pastors during 1950 would give veterans among the clergy serious consideration, the problem could be solved.

But like so many veteran problems it will be shrugged off unless veterans themselves carry the ball. Legionnaires who are members of churches contemplating pastoral changes can demand that at least one former chaplain be included among the candidates. Perhaps they can also interpret his special qualifications to their fellow members.

Chaplain Jim served God and country during the war, and he should be enabled to serve the Kingdom of God thru the Church today. His unemployment or

semi-employment is both an injustice and a shameful waste of unmatched experience in serving men.

I appeal to my fellow veterans to help him, so that his reconversion may be completed during 1950!

John Irving Daniel
Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

SURE-FIRE IDENTIFICATION

In the issue, January 1950, the article *Their Eyes Are on Your Checks*: It would be a very simple matter if the Government required the thumb print of the person who cashes the check, made in front of the paying teller at the bank. All it would necessitate is an ink pad supplied by the bank and a few seconds' time.

The thumb print block an inch or so below the signature. Anyone with a clear conscience shouldn't hesitate to do it. All service men's and women's prints are on file. You've got nothing to lose and everything to gain. How about it, Comrades?

Leonard Almon
Woonsocket, R. I.

A LEGION ACROSTIC

I have been a member of The American Legion the past twenty-five years. Not too long ago I was thinking in terms of what the Legion has meant and continues to mean to me and I expressed those thoughts in the following acrostic. Perhaps, it might be helpful to the readers of our magazine.

What The American Legion Means to Me

A ssociation with my comrades
M emories of the Great Wars
E quality of my comrades
R eadiness to help my comrades at all times
I ntimate fellowship with my comrades
C ommunity spirit and service
A dherence to the Constitution of the United States of America
N eutrality in all questions of religion and politics
L aw, order and obedience to civil authority
E ducation of all children
G ood will and peace on earth
I nspiring our youth to live uprightly
O pportunity to keep alight the fires of Freedom and Justice
N ever waning faith in my country

Dwight L. Riegel
Nichols, N. Y.



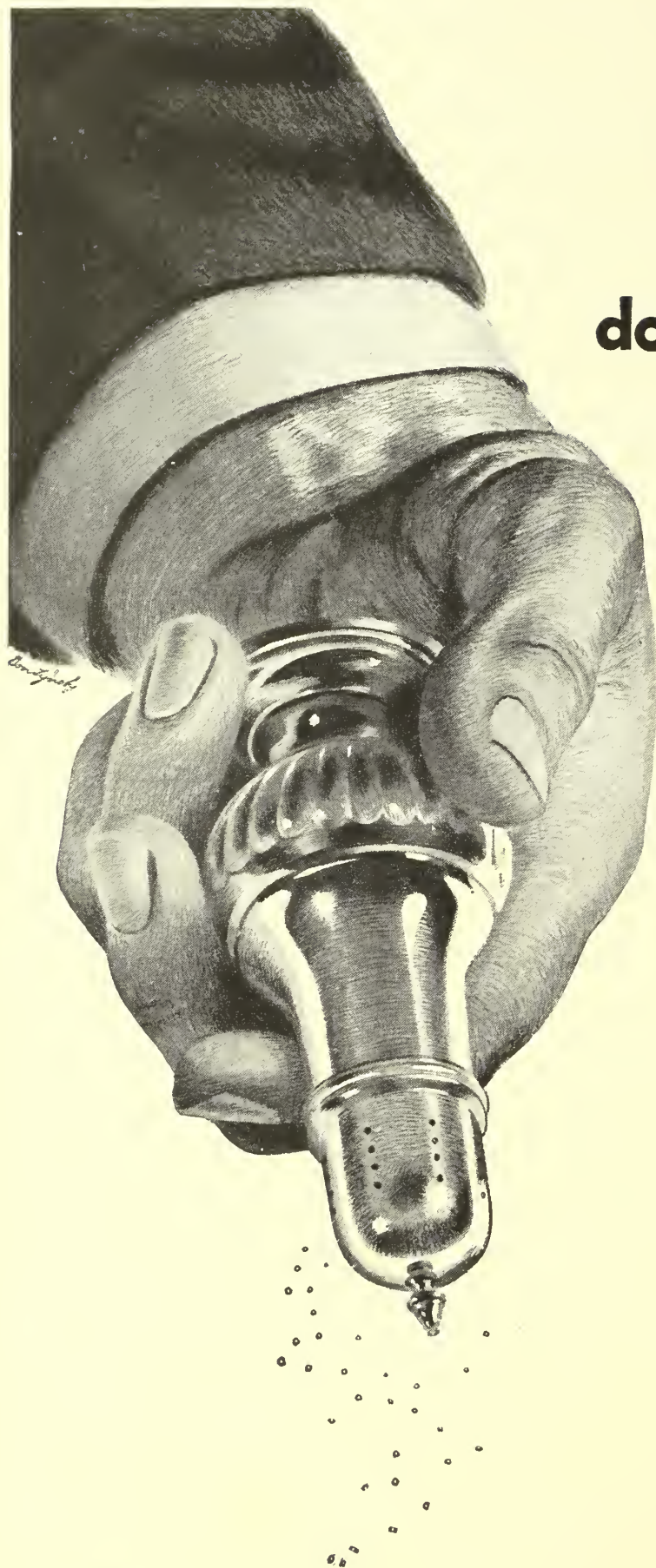
*There's only
One
favorite!*

Every fisherman has his favorite fly — the one
lure he prizes among all others. And the
one favorite beer is — MILLER HIGH LIFE —
the national champion of quality!

Miller's
HIGH LIFE

The Champagne of Bottle Beer

BREWED AND BOTTLED ONLY IN MILWAUKEE, WIS.
BY THE MILLER BREWING COMPANY



Better start doing this to part of your money

YOU KNOW how money is!

Today it's in your hand, and the next day it *isn't!*

A lot of people, however, have found an excellent way to make certain they will have money when they need it most.

They salt away part of their pay each week in U. S. Savings Bonds through the Payroll Savings Plan where they work.

They know that saving this way assures them of the money for a down payment on a new home . . . a new car . . . or retirement when the time comes.

Furthermore, in ten years they get back \$4 for every \$3 invested in U. S. Savings Bonds.

Why don't YOU start saving money *regularly* and *automatically* where you work, or at your bank through the Bond-A-Month Plan?

**Automatic saving is
sure saving —
U.S. Savings Bonds**




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PINBALL PETE

Nobody was better at the pinball

machines than Pete. But his uncanny skill tore the town apart, disrupted his love life and changed his whole career



"YOU and your pinball game!" Rena cried. She slammed the side of the machine and the little tilt sign flashed

By LEE EISENBERG

PETE PACKER was his name, but if you talked about Pinball Pete everybody in the town of Mashuga, Wisconsin, knew who you meant. He was the greatest master of the pinball machines ever, the man who rang up the highest scores and won the most free games of any who played the gaudy contraptions. All he generally needed was one or two nickels to roll up a string of free games that would keep him happy buzzing, flashing, and clanging all day.

That was one of Pete's troubles. He just couldn't leave a machine with free games left, and he was so good that he never seemed to run out of them. This weakness got him into trouble every so often, like when he went out for lunch from his job as a machinist in the washing machine plant. All the lunchrooms had pinball machines, and Pete would stick a nickel in one after eating. Right away he'd win a few free games, and in playing those off he'd win a few more, until finally his lunch hour would be over and he would still have maybe thirty games left. Well, you'd practically have to tear him

THE BOYS hadn't forgotten what they learned in service about street fights



(continued) Pinball Pete

away before he'd stop, and often he wouldn't go back to work until he was an hour or so late. Several times Pete was almost fired because of this, and he finally had to stop playing at lunch.

Then there was Pete's girl, Rena. She was a sweet little brunette, pretty easy both to take and to get along with. But she and Pete would go out to one of the local inns for a few, and the first thing there would be Pete playing pinball, and that would be about the last poor Rena would see of him until the joint closed.

Like I said, she was easy to get along with, but she got pretty tired of going out with Pete and then not spending hardly any time with him,

and she would go up to him and ask him, please, wouldn't he quit for a while and sit down with her, and he'd say, sure, honey, just wait till he played this game off. But of course he'd win some more and forget to come back. Then she'd go up to him again and ask how about it? And he'd say didn't she want to play a game, it was a lot of fun, and she'd say, pinball, poeey! Well, that would hurt Pete's feelings because pinball was the thing he was just naturally wonderful at, and every man wants a girl to admire his talents. So they'd be mad at each other for a while, but I guess Pete was in love with her because he kept seeing her.

She must have been in love with
ILLUSTRATED BY JOHN BLAINE

him, too, because she put up with it for a long time. But one night they were over at Red's place with Rena's sister and brother-in-law, and Red had just got a new machine in, a real tougheroo that no one had been able to beat yet. Of course Pete had to try it, and, what was unusual for him, he lost four games before he started to catch on.

This night Rena was a little more impatient with Pete than usual, not so much for herself but because she thought he should be more polite for the sake of the others. As usual he had promised to play only a few games, but she saw that he was settling down at the machine, so she went over to remind him of his promise.

Pete gave her the old routine about



out, and the little tilt sign flashed on. Pete was so mad he could have killed her.

"I was just about to win!" he screamed. "That was a dirty trick, Rena!"

When Rena realized that he was more disturbed about her tilting the machine than about what she had said she really blew her top.

"Why, you . . . you . . . you . . . I hate you, you . . . Oh!"

Like I said, Rena was really a sweet kid, and I guess she just didn't know any names to call him. Finally she broke out crying and ran out of the place. For a minute it looked like her brother-in-law was going to pop Pete one, but his wife called out for him

not even to look at that bum, and nothing happened.

It didn't take Pete long to get over being mad at Rena. You really had to feel sorry for him when he got it through his head that she was through with him, and that it was his own fault. He had been so wrapped up in playing the machine at the time that he hadn't realized what she was saying, but as soon as he had a chance to cool down he saw what a fool he'd been. He moped around Red's for a while and had a few beers, then he tried to call Rena and apologize. She wouldn't even listen to him, so he

had a whole flock more of beers, but they didn't help.

Pete was a sad guy after that. He mooned around, hardly talking to anybody and not even playing pinball any more. Once in a while he'd sit in on a game of sheephead or pinochle with the fellows, but cards didn't interest him, and he would quit after a few hands and go home early. A few of his friends tried to fix him up with new girls, but he always refused. He kept trying to make up with Rena, but she hung up on him when he called and ignored him when they met on the street.

Then, about three weeks after Pete's fight with Rena, the real trouble started, and this time it was no mere lover's quarrel. It was something the

town will remember for a long time to come.

It was a Saturday night, and there was a big gang in Red's when Pete walked in. Ordinarily Pete wouldn't have been interested in the pinball machine since his breakup with Rena, but there was a crowd around it, so he walked over to investigate. It turned out to be a new machine, one that payed off in nickels instead of free plays, and it was strictly illegal.

Pete got curious as to how come it was there, and he put the question to Red.

"Ahhh," Red snarled. "They was a couple apes come in here today and tells me I'm putting in their machine. I tells them I ain't cause I got a agreement with this here other outfit, and I likes it the way it is. But they tells me I'm gonna take theirs anyway. The next thing I knows they're hauling the old one out and putting this thing in. I objects, but these loogans tell me I better shut up or else maybe I don't have no joint left to put nothin' in. I was gonna beat up on both of them, but I sees they're carrying rods, so what am I gonna do? Anyhow, I ain't encouraging nobody to play that thing." He waved scornfully in the direction of the machine.

Some of the boys at the bar were listening to Red's story, and pretty soon everybody was talking about how a mob must be moving in on the county. Pete didn't say anything himself; he just sat listening to the others and thinking, but you could see that for once he wasn't thinking about his own troubles but something else instead.

Pete liked Red. Most of the boys liked Red. Red was an ex-pug and made off that he was pretty tough. His arithmetic wasn't so good, and he had been known to make the wrong change for a buck; and he had trouble remembering his price list so that sometimes he charged two bits for his fifteen cent (Continued on page 40)

just letting him finish this one game, but she saw that he was hardly paying any attention to her, him being so intent on watching the lights flashing and the score mounting up, and she started to get sore. She kept saying come on, come on, and he kept saying okay, okay, without even looking up. Now Pete was just shooting his fifth ball, and he needed only 5000 more to beat the machine, and the ball was just rolling toward the bonus hole, which would give him 20,000 points, when Rena blew up.

"Oh, you and your old pinball game," she cried, "If you think more of that silly game than you do of me you can just forget me!"

And with that she slammed the side of the machine. All the lights went



THEY HAVE a wonderful time tilting the machines. Don't bother her at all

The FIRST YEAR is the HARDEST

By LOUIS JOHNSON

Secretary of Defense



For a year, controversy has raged around this strong-willed Cabinet member. But much work has been accomplished in that time, too



WHEN I ENTERED the Pentagon on March 3, 1949, to get ready to take over the job of Unification of the Armed Forces, I was warned that the first year would be the hardest; and it was. Had it not been for my experience as Assistant Secretary of War between 1937-40 the first year might have been even tougher.

Ten years ago criticism of my efforts came largely from isolationists, pacifists, the "business-as-usual" crowd, saboteurs, and even outright enemies of our country and of our democratic system. They called me a "warmonger" because I kept warning our people of impending war and the need for greater preparedness.

In the fight for unification, however,

I knew at all times that those who were opposed were loyal, patriotic Americans whose honor and integrity were beyond question, and who were just as interested and as anxious to make our country invulnerable against attack as I was. The problem, therefore, was to convince them of the logic of unification.

The most cogent argument for unification was the experience of World War II. That was no land war, nor sea war, nor air war. It was, for the want of a better word, a "triphibious" three-dimensional all out war in which all of our armed forces, and the industrial and home fronts in their support played an indispensable, honorable, and successful role as a team.

The crossing of the English Channel

in 1944 was the most triumphant illustration of the military—naval—air team in action. The plans for the invasion considered the capabilities of all three services separately, and together as a team. Officers of the three services, each thoroughly familiar with the basic weapons, tactics, techniques, and organization of his own fighting arm, were thinking, planning, and working for the benefit of the All-American team.

On the Normandy beaches, the soldiers who waded ashore were protected by Air Force cover. They were supported by Navy guns, Navy beachmasters directed the actual landings. And what was done so superbly in triphibious warfare in the European Theater had been repeated time and time again in the island hopping strategy of the Pacific. All over the world Americans of every service were fighting together, winning together, yes, and dying together. Men who in action are called upon to die together, must learn to live together, I reasoned.

THE SECRETARY, at Fort Benning, Ga., inspects a caliber .30 M2 carbine





ABOARD the carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt, "the brass" study atomic warfare maneuvers. L. to r. are Vice Adm. Felix B. Stump; Gen. Omar N. Bradley; Secretary of Navy Francis P.

Matthews; Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg; Secretary of Defense Johnson; Secretary of Army Gordon Gray; Secretary of Air W. Stuart Symington; Adm. Louis Denfeld; Gen. J. Lawton Collins

And there we had the strongest argument for unification.

The argument for unification in supply matters was equally cogent, and I became a devotee to its principles back in 1937, when as the Assistant Secretary of War I was charged with planning industrial mobilization. My experience on that job convinced me that we could not wage a war with the Army and the Navy planning their logistics and their procurement programs separately. It was evident that we could not have all the material and all the manpower that each department felt it needed for a major war. We realized that the Army and the Navy could not compete against each other with the taxpayers' money for goods or services, or plant capacities.

I conferred with Charles Edison, then the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and together we worked out plans for the fullest utilization of our national industrial assets to meet the needs of both services in an emergency. The Army, including Air offi-

cers, and the Navy, including Marine officers, studied together at the Army Industrial College, worked together on the Army-Navy Munitions Board, and came up with mobilization plans that tended to submerge individual service interests for the welfare of a greater cause.

The logic of unification in the field of supply was thus recognized more than ten years ago. Its adherents even then were legion, not only among those in the services responsible for procurement, production, and distribution, but among industrial leaders who were called upon to make our munitions. In many cases in the same factory Army and Navy orders for practically the same items were being filled under separate contracts, different rules, varying security controls, and dissimilar specifications.

The most compelling argument for unification proved to be the economic one. Here we were in 1949, more than four years after the cessation of hostilities, still spending money for na-

tional defense at the rate of fifteen billion dollars a year. Fifteen billion dollars is a lot of money. Broken down in terms of taxes to the individual taxpayer, it means \$68.00 for national defense for a single man, without dependents, earnings about \$38.50 a week.

When I assumed office I found the services thinking in terms of an even bigger budget. An estimate of the total needs of but one of the three services presented to me shortly after I reported for duty in the Pentagon ran into such astronomical figures that I would prefer not to repeat it even now. Suffice it to say that this one service felt that it needed a budget larger than the total of the three of them for this year, and more manpower than all of our armed forces at that time, just to get its own forces ready to meet an emergency.

To have permitted each of the three services to get all that each felt it needed without taking into consideration the plans (*Continued on page 42*)

You Can't WIN



YOUR FRIENDS would all turn up, especially your old pal the tax collector

By JOHN LAWRENCE

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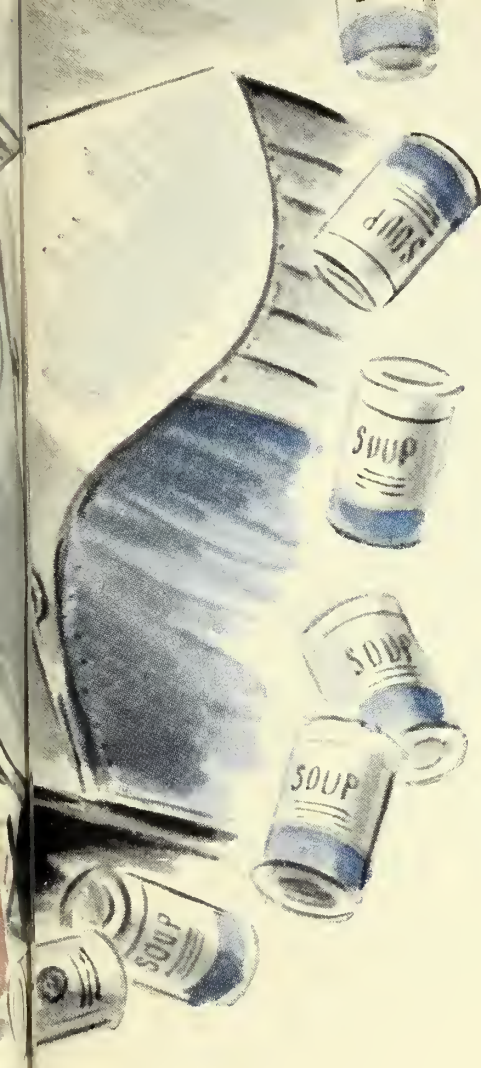
Suppose *your* name came over the radio as the winner of a big jackpot. Here's a side of the story that you never hear broadcast

ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, SIR! That's the answer! You win the \$25,000 jackpot!"

Music and cheers . . . Wish it would happen to you, for knowing the answer in a radio giveaway contest? Do you think it would be like finding the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow?

Well, before you envy the winners too much, you may as well know of some sharp little fishhooks hidden in that pot of gold. They'll prick your fingers quickly enough when you dip in for the gold. You may begin to wonder, can you afford to win a jackpot or certain other prizes? What happens if you do win?

Mrs. Benjamin Cohen of New York



IT'S A GREAT experience, for the first few hours, anyway



City found out last summer when she won a \$28,000 jackpot consisting of many highly desirable prizes. But while she won a lot of things she soon learned that she couldn't afford to keep them all. The problem was primarily one of taxes. On \$28,000 worth of merchandise, the tax collector would take a big bite.

And taxes must be paid in cash, not in postage stamps or merchandise.

Mrs. Cohen tackled this winner's problem in a novel way. She put most of her prizes up at auction, after keeping a car, a boat, and some other prizes with a total value of \$7,000. The auction of the remaining \$21,000 worth of goods brought in about \$9,000 in cash. A deep freeze valued at \$500 went for \$205. A heating unit worth \$1,700 retail was knocked down for \$760. At similar prices went such items as 10,000 cans of groceries, a modern bathroom, lawnmower, perfume, and so on.

This was quite some shrinkage, but it still left a sizeable tax problem. The details are a personal matter, but it could work this way:

Federal and state taxes would still be due on about \$16,000—the \$9,000 in cash plus the \$7,000 in value of the things kept. These taxes would eat up about \$4,000 in cash, with some more money going for expenses for storage, for the auction, and legal advice. That leaves the car, boat and other prizes plus a few thousands in cash. Not bad at all, of course, for everything was free. But it is a long step backward from the dazzlement of thinking in terms of a \$28,000 windfall.

And that brings up another little barb in the pot of gold. Friends, relatives and strangers keep thinking of you in terms of a big-shot winner. You're expected to stand the gaff for a celebration, even when you win only one minor prize in some raffle or contest. As a "rich person" you can be asked to shell out the dough to fix cousin Wilbur's teeth, to pay for Jane's singing lessons, to help some stranger who writes you about

his woes, or to put in a heavier sock this year to the Society for the Advancement of Murals in Streetcars. Nobody quite realizes how much your winnings dwindle.

"You'd be surprised what people offer you for your prizes," said Julius Zurwell of Methuen, Mass., a jackpot winner. "They say you won it, so why not get rid of it at what they offer?"

Mr. Zurwell had a hard time getting rid of most of his prizes. Some diamonds and diamond wrist watches still are in a safe deposit vault at the bank. He cancelled a trip to Havana, six months after he won it, and still didn't know then whether he would get any money from it.

Mr. Zurwell advises hiring a lawyer or certified public accountant for advice in disposing of goods to determine taxable values. But, he says, "All in all, I wouldn't mind winning again, even though you have a lot of headaches. Probably some way will be found to pay the taxes and at the same time be happy."

Sometimes, prizes like this can booby-trap you with your friends. Friends or acquaintances can become peeved if you don't sell some particular prize to them. Winning a car during the war, when cars were scarce, brought on terrific heat and pressure to sell to some certain person or persons. At that time, the buyers were willing to pay retail prices, or higher. But now, many people expect you to sell at sacrifice prices, even when you would have to pay taxes on a larger sum. A winner's lot is not always a happy one.

A woman who won a big jackpot told me she wouldn't care to win one again, even though the first time was the thrill of a lifetime.

"It has been difficult to explain to the general public that I will not net \$21,500, perhaps not even \$3000," she said. "I still maintain that the real winners are the people who buy cheaply the wares of the winner. The winner profits, but he must labor for everything he gains. He is in business, whether he likes it or not."

"People like that winners must dispose of articles, and they purchase only if prices are much lower than shop prices. Jewels supposed to be worth \$1500 brought me only \$100. A furnace valued at \$1500 hasn't sold yet for \$500. Prospective buyers were afraid service might be poor because it wasn't purchased from a regular dealer."

Trying to find a good market for a prize takes time, and even expensive travel to bigger cities sometimes. More than one prize-taker has wished he had hit a jackpot with fewer prizes, but with cash (Continued on page 54)

There's No LABOR CHARGE in this Garage

DO-IT-YOURSELF
GARAGE

Martin's supplies the place, the tools and the advice, and motorists do their own tinkering



By BOB GILMORE

DO YOU LONG for the good old days when you could tear the family car apart in the back yard? When, with a screwdriver, a monkey wrench and precious few other tools you could fix almost anything that ailed the old jitney?

Today, of course, things are different. New cars call for special tools and intricate equipment, and in all too many cases there are no back yards where the work can be done.

But something is being done about it. Out in California a young fellow has started an idea that may take on elsewhere. It's a garage with all the

tools, where you can drive in and fix your car yourself. And if you get stuck, Roland F. Martin, who runs this unusual garage, is there to put you straight.

The garage, called Martin's Mechanical Mecca, is located in Redwood City, thirty miles south of San Francisco. It is a fresh, new structure whose sixty-foot wall that faces the street is a clean green, splashed with the white of a huge overhead door and large, white-mullioned windows. Inside, all along the ninety feet of one wall, is a single, solid, well-stocked work bench and tool rack, with white lines marking a row of car stalls on

the gray-painted floor before it.

Half of the other wall is occupied by a duplicate stall-and-bench set-up; midway, then, is the washroom and toilet; and nearly half (the front section) of that side is filled with parts bins, a counter and an oak office desk and chair. Machines—a hydraulic press, a lathe, wheel balances, cylinder-boring tools, compressors, hoists, lubesters, valve refacers—more than \$20,000 worth in all, are spotted here and there in the shop.

Few ordinary repair garages are so new, so neat, so well equipped. Even the majority of auto sales agencies get along on less room and with more antiquated layouts. And none anywhere (Martin firmly believes) boasts the Mecca's singular distinction, proclaimed by a ten-foot neon sign jut-



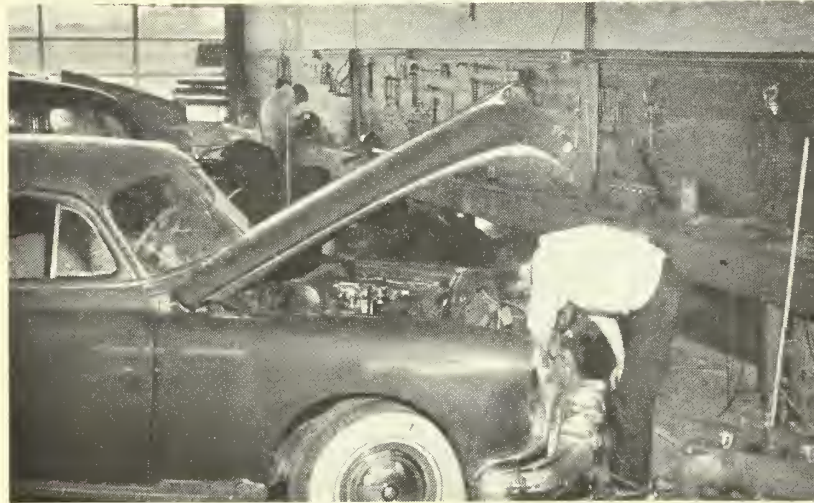
FRED MEYERS, of Redwood City, steam-cleans his engine block on an outside ramp



DORWIN, DARRELL and Roland Martin, who operate the "do-it-yourself" garage, shown at the parts counter. The sale of parts represents a large part of their income



HOWARD MITCHELL, Stanford U. student, looks for trouble, while Allen Skiles gets to the bottom of it



CUSTOMERS CAN DO their work in well-lighted quarters, and with tools and special equipment of all kinds readily available

ting from the building front to flash "Do-It-Yourself Garage."

Here, at 1207 Spring Street, is the Mecca for all motorists in the vicinity—and some from as far south as San Jose, from Richmond, Oakland and Berkeley to the east, from as far north as Sonoma, eighty miles away—who insist on the personal touch in auto repair.

Being the sort of place it is, attracting mostly men with regular daytime work, evenings and weekends are the Mecca's busiest times. In one stall may be a man (a dentist) doing a valve job on a Chevy; in this corner a tall young insurance salesman grinds and sands away at the body of his car, readying it for repainting; at a metal work table another man (who punches a cash register in a super-market)

strips a V-8 engine for overhaul. With almost no exception, Mecca customers are men like these, with no previous garage experience, who can puff out their chests later and brag, "Tore her down and tuned her up myself... ticks like a watch, doesn't she?"

Each man pays "Rol" Martin or his younger brother, Darrell (who is a business partner and shares the work and supervision) a dollar an hour for advice and help and for the use of the tools and machines. In addition, each customer agrees to buy all needed parts at the Mecca at standard prices. As special "come-on's," Ethyl and regular gasoline are sold at a discount, first-line tires at about thirty percent off retail price. A sideline to the auto-repair business is Martin's Weather-

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strip & Insulation Company, head-quartering at the Mecca and handled by another younger brother, Dorwin, in a triple-partnership arrangement.

The whole Mecca idea began, early in April of 1949, when Rol, who had designed and built a fleet of motor coaches, which he then operated and maintained by himself, simply got sick of the business and sold the line to Darrell overnight. (The bus line with its repair facilities was in a dingy, gray structure on a little used side street within coasting distance of Redwood City's widest and busiest artery.)

The day after he'd sold the bus line, Martin (who swears that the Mecca idea had never crossed his mind) slid his wiry frame onto his usual stool at the lunch counter of the Fat Boy Barbecue, a (Continued on page 60)

WHO'S HYSTERICAL?

By EUGENE LYONS



ILLUSTRATED BY
DORMAN H. SMITH

FROM THE HOWLS OF THE REDS,
ECHOED AND AMPLIFIED BY THE PINKS, YOU'D
THINK OUTRAGED AMERICANS WERE STRINGING
COMMIES UP ON EVERY POLE. BUT NO ONE
REALLY BOTHERS THEM.

THE UNITED STATES of America, believe it or not, is in the grip of red hysteria. Witch-hunts and inquisitions fill the land with the wailing of innocents. The F.B.I. has degenerated into a Gestapo, hunting down communists, radicals and liberals, even unto Fair Dealers. The courts mock our civil liberties, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights are scraps of paper and censors dictate what we may and may not think. Alien reds are being rounded up wholesale and shipped where they came from. Teachers and scientists suspected of unorthodox ideas are being purged by the thousands. Spy jitters send chills down American spines as warmongers howl for Russian blood

IF YOU DON'T recognize this picture of your native land it is only because you don't read the communist and phony-liberal press. Or you have somehow missed the spate of articles, speeches and editorials by people who, knowingly or otherwise, take their cues and indignations from that general quarter.

At the crackpot Left the notion that America is in the throes of anti-communist delirium and trampling on cherished freedoms is not a literary exaggeration. It is treated as a solemn fact.

The sad news of our nerve-wracked condition is being broadcast to the world twenty-four hours a day by Soviet propaganda. It is expounded by Iron Curtain delegates at all United Nations sessions and echoed by Moscow's minions clear around the globe. In our own country, of course, Stalin's stooges and sub-stooges confirm the imaginary disaster in loud and self-pitying lamentations.

The truth, however, is that the only alarming symptoms of hysteria as yet discernible are among those who make the grotesque diagnosis, and among the muddleheads who join the lament-

ing just to exercise their lungs.

The communist and self-styled progressive press and oratory are shrill with outcries about persecution, thought control, red scares and witch-hunters. "No. 1 U. S. Criminal—the F.B.I.," a *Daily Worker* headline recently announced. Clergymen, professors and tap-dancers join "marches on Washington" and protest mass meetings against the supposed suppression of protests. Ever new committees are launched, each bearing hundreds of fellow-traveling names, to "save" the First Amendment; to "defend" the victims (as they are termed) of our courts; to "protect" the sacred right of Americans to do dirty chores for a foreign dictatorship.

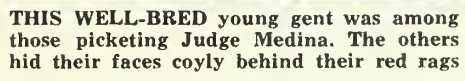
Perhaps these gentry have reason to be angry and scared. More and more Americans are becoming aware of the activities of red conspirators in their midst. Some of the facts of communist spying and infiltration are being uncovered. Here and there legislative bodies are trying to formulate laws, within the bounds of the Constitution, to deal with Moscow agents in government, schools, trade unions and other institutions. Their long immunity seems endangered.

To this threat of exposure and possible punishment—however sober,

legal and long-delayed—they react with frantic shouting that civil freedoms are being suppressed. It's an old strategy, really a variation on the "Stop thief!" dodge. And it's mighty effective strategy. It tends to stir the sympathy of people who don't see through the trick. More important, it helps along the impression that the communist perils and crimes being uncovered are not realities but just the figments of someone's overheated imagination.

If the bogus red-hysteria outcries were limited to the crackpots we could afford to ignore them. Unhappily the communist party line has amazing resonance. On most newspapers, magazines, some radio stations and college faculties, even in a few church organizations, there are honest and not-so-honest people eager to parrot the *Daily Worker* slogans.

Considering the samples of red spying and mischief spread on the record recently, the American people have been strangely cool and calm. As I shall show later, their calm looks a lot like benumbed apathy. Judges have bent backward to give accused Soviet agents the benefit of every doubt and legal quibble. One after another, State laws designed to curb subversion have been voided (*Continued on page 56*)





DUE HOME by twelve, your daughter does not return till after two



YOUR OLDEST child is constantly squabbling with his brother

How do You Rate AS A PARENT?

Every father and mother knows about these problems, but not everyone knows the proper solutions to them. See if you do

By WALTER DUCKAT

NEWSPAPER, radio programs and movies have joined hands in proclaiming the widening gap between parents and children. Much of the blame of juvenile delinquency is thrust upon the shoulders of parents. Parents have been verbally pummeled by psychiatrists, judges, teachers, social workers and clergymen for failing to perform their duties satisfactorily.

Many parents are often confused and uncertain as to what they should do in order to promote the best development of their children. What we considered proper ten or twenty years

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ago is now often regarded as hopelessly old fashioned and even dangerous.

The following questionnaire is not designed to prescribe a remedy for parent-children relationship. Human relationships are too variable and unpredictable to reduce to precise, final, unchangeable rules.

There are certain attitudes and approaches which are the common denominators of good parents. Those who achieve a high score in the following questionnaire are conforming with accepted patterns of behavior approved by an overwhelming number of psychiatrists, psychologists,

family counselors and other professional workers in the field.

Below are a variety of situations which face most parents at various times. Four responses are cited for each situation. You are to place a check in the space in front of the answer corresponding to what you would probably do if you faced the problem, checking only one response for each problem.

1. *If your adolescent daughter told you that she would be home before 12 and returned at 2:30 A.M., you would*

- ☐ a. Ask for an immediate explanation.
- ☐ b. You would overlook it unless it recurred.
- ☐ c. You would tell her off immediately and punish her.

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YOUR DAUGHTER, aged 14, wants to use lipstick since her friends do



YOUR SON wants extra money for a purpose he won't explain



THERE ARE CHORES to be done and your daughter objects



YOUR SON constantly has his nose buried in a pile of comic books

YOU CAN'T BREAK your son of the habit of leaving things untidy



A panel of child guidance experts has given four answers to each problem. Mark the answer you think is best in each case, then turn to page 51 to check yourself against the experts.

How to PICK A DAME

Love can often ripen into friendship, says the guy from Duffy's Tavern. But before plotting your troth there's things you ought to know

By ED "ARCHIE" GARDNER

A GUY SUCH AS I has piled up practice on picking dames, being as I am a expert on sashayin' la femme from the boulevards of Peoria to the Bastilles of Paree.

It's a well known fact that, even if I ain't no movie Madonnis, when it comes to females of the opposite sex, I got a knowledge which rivals the Vice of Experience hisself. Bein' so successful with movie queens, I'm always gettin' into the film capital's finest turnouts. In fact, I have been turned outta all of them. It's natural. After all, a guy which has the inmate charm I possess, plus me bein' a legible bachelor, is bound to attract dames like a maggot.

On top of this, you gotta realize also that the fifteen bucks per pittance that Duffy, the skimflint, pays me for man-

THE TROUBLE with lots of marriages is that a fellow ties up with a Miss Duffy type

aging his joint ain't hardly the skin on a bonanza. Ergo, it ain't me dough the dames go for, so it must be me way of enchantin' a evening.

Supposin' unfortunately you're lackin' my armatory experience, when you start givin' the field a gander you gotta realize you're a crooked goose unless you use tuition. That differs from intuition because it's outside stuff.

Watching the dames as they minces their feet across the sawdust at Duffy's Tavern, night after night for neons like I have, you get to be a philosopsifer about dames. You watch to see does she throw a ravaging look at the pickled pigs' feet on the free lunch counter? Or does she pug her nose and head straight for the tables? If she gazes askance the pigs' feet for more than a iota, then you know right away that the dame is strictly out to chisel a free meal. This is from whence rose the saying, "She's strictly from hunger."

But if the chick tilts her nose and passes by the pigs' feet, then there is a dame which knows her oats. See, even though Eddie dusts the pigs' feet off every nonce or two, any casual habituay to Duffy's knows that them pigs' feet is only a sop to the carnage trade. A intelligentsia which is in her right mind wouldn't be found dead eatin' them. Let her and it's Kismet for sure.

By the same omen, the dame and



you too should remember that looks deceive—but only up to a point, and not if it is what her head comes to on top. A guy once warned is twice skepticized, you know.

Now, leave us dwell our peepers on the dame who knows what's cookin' and proves it by giving Duffy's pigs' feet the go-by, and heading for the d'hote where the tables is located. First thing you gotta watch for is, is she graceful like a gazette as she steps over the intervenin' (hungover with fat) customers without tripping on her New Look—and does this bring out the Old Look on the customers she has stepped over?

If the dame has real punkritude, if she's a real Venus de Nylon, it will bring it out the fellows' eyes, just like the cascara on her lashes brings out her eyes. But if that New Look is just blindman's bluff, that chick better be a good checker player!

A guy can't be too careful if he wants to stay a free-lance casserole with the women. If he's wide awake and inert like me, he'll watch for little idiotsyncracies that is fair warning, and not get stuck with no pig in a poke like Duffy did.

F'rinstance, leave us spy on that





THERE ARE many faucets to a dame's true character, so watch your step

dame at the table some more and see what else there is to deduct. Finnegan is sliding the chair under her and she is daintily grabbing ahold as he does. This is good form and is also a tipoff to Finnegan not to get no silly notions.

Now she is unfolding the napkin and looking for a clean spot to dab up the gravy off her fingers. If she licks her fingers before dabbing the napkin, then you know she's the impeachably clean type who won't run your laundry bill up into gastronomical figures. She ain't the type who'll talk fifty cents' worth on the 'phone to tell you how thrifty she is.

Now we come to the critical part. Eddie is slipping the menu to her escort. Will she let him choose up the dinner like a true nomad, or will she repulse the Blue Plate Special and demand the A La Cart, which is strictly aperitif and more expensive? (We gotta pay Grogan rent for the wheelbarrel Eddie uses for La Cart.)

If she acquiesces the Blue Plate Special, then she is a dame who counts her P's and Q's (small change like pennies and quarters). You don't need to worry that if you marry her she'll

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spend thirty bucks for a hat that Emile calls a chick chateau, just because it matches the lipstick she bought for a dime.

But leave us proceed with our discord. By now you should be learnt enough not to be fooled by the first pair of false lashes that wink at you. There are many other faucets to a dame's true nature which, if a guy is percipient to them, will stem him from loving the first sight he accosts. Love at first sight is an optimistical illusion. Love from hind sight is surer and can even ripen into friendship.

Be warned against them girls who keep tooting their own bugle about how they are so popular and brag that they've been ast to marry a hundred times. None of them has the bare-faced timidity to admit that her mother and father are getting tired of askin' her.

Always remember that it takes two to make a marriage — a eager dame and a anxious mother. From maidenhood to adolescents (when their voices change from no to yes), dames is trained that to keep the wolf from her door she should entice one into her parlor. Oncet that is achieved, then her future is set and his is sealed — and to heck with Good Housekeeping's approval.

When you slip a ring on a female's finger you are also slipping one on your nose. Unless you are a bull, this ain't nothing to yak about. Therefore, be discreet in your discrimination of dames. Remember the old axis: "There's many a slip betwixt the grip and the lip."

Now I've told you a few sign-points to avoid in looking over the left field of femininity, leave me slip you a few tips on how to play right field right. Even if you are the weak-minded, strong-willed type which prefers to pickle your own dillies, I have some nougats of sound advice which, if you adhere them, should help you find your true mate.

Pick one half a foot smaller than yourself, preferably an oney daughter of a hundred-year-old grand father. You can always tell people it is a love match. You never was one to deny you loved money, was you?

Then, take for example, are you the type of gent which prefers blondes? If so, true or false? In the old days a man could tell a blonde from the color of her hair. Today he has to make friends with her druggist.

From her hair the next natural step is to case the (Continued on page 53)



Don't Knock Wrestling, BOOST IT

Some folks sneer at professional wrestling.
Here's how the wrestlers could patch up the
act so that more people could take it seriously

By HANNIBAL COONS

HAVE LATELY HEARD certain people laughing at professional wrestling, and as a friend of the game I protest. This cynical laughter must stop. Wrestling is a melodrama based on the savage violent struggles of the ape-man for his very life. It is serious business. Yet they laugh.

Take, for instance, those who laugh

at Mr. Antonino Rocca of the Argentine—currently the hottest thing in wrestling. He ends all his matches with his own trade-mark hold called the “backbreaker.” You see, Mr. Rocca is related to a doctor. Thus he knows just how to jiggle a man in order to paralyze something in the lower lumbar region. Holding his opponent

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across his shoulders Mr. Rocca jiggles him. At the first jiggle the poor chap's arms and legs go limp as strings. Then he is thrown to the canvas where, with his back “broken,” he can only writhe helplessly until kindly Mr. Rocca, the great healer, gets back down on the mat and re-jiggles him in some mysterious but therapeutic manner.

That is a splendid and dramatic script. It shows the great beast from whom we are all supposed to have sprung calling upon science to defeat his brute opponent. Then, with victory his, the ancestor Mr. Rocca represents shows compassion and tenderness for the other beast. He heals the wound he has caused.

The only trouble with the “backbreaker” is that it is hard for even well-muscled (Continued on page 37)

Veterans Newsletter

A DIGEST OF EVENTS WHICH ARE LIKELY TO BE OF PERSONAL INTEREST TO YOU

March 1950

NSLI DIVIDEND CHECKS BEING MAILED:

Big news of the month of direct interest to some 16,000,000 WW2 veterans is that checks for each vet's share of the \$2,800,000,000 NSLI dividend are being mailed out....The official ceremony of presenting the first check was held at the Treasury Department on Thursday, January 12, when a refund check for \$115 was handed to Arthur C. Hunt, High Point, N. C....The first lot of checks went into the mails for delivery to veterans on Monday morning, January 16th....Working like mad, the check-writing crews set up are expected to reach the goal of 200,000 checks each day until completion of the first group of ten million vets....Some million and a half WW2 vets have not yet made application for their share of the dividend....No official deadline has been fixed, but the sooner the applications are made the sooner payment will be made....Because of these late comers, the payment program is expected to run over two or three years.

VETS ARE WARNED AGAINST SHARPERS AND TRICKSTERS:

Coincident with the mailing of the first NSLI Dividend checks, the Better Business Bureau sent out a warning to veterans to be on guard against an army of gyps who will attempt to relieve them of their money....The message alerts vets to the fact that they will be bombarded by all kinds of sales appeals....Victor H. Nyborg, President of the Association of Better Business Bureaus, does not discount the ability of vets to see through fraud and deception....But he does recall that fast-working operators gyped a great number of veterans out of their mustering-out and terminal leave pay at the end of the war....Reports gathered by the various branches of the Bureau show that "this same unscrupulous minority is already beginning to work its time-tested techniques for relieving unsuspecting veterans of their dividend money."...As a final word of caution, the warning letter advised veterans to investigate thoroughly before investing or buying....A similar warning was sent out from the VA.

PRISONERS-OF-WAR CLAIMS

To clear up certain misunderstandings (evidenced by letters received by the Newsletter), the provisions of the War Claims Act of 1948 (Public Law 896) are restated....Only WW2 prisoners of war held by any government with which the U. S. was at war, and civilian American citizens captured by the Imperial Japanese Government (only) are entitled to benefits of the Act....Law provides \$1 per day for each day military prisoners were given substandard diet....This rate is expected to apply to all Japanese prison camps....European camps will be passed upon separately, though it is estimated that the subsistence at most or all of these prison centers will figure at about ninety percent....Claim forms have been distributed to designated agencies in each State....Eligible vets can get theirs through the Post and Department Service Officers....The forms are simple, and most vets will require no assistance....Those who do need help can get it from the Legion Service Officers without charge....The War Claims Commission requires formal power-of-attorney executed by claimant to designated representative....Official forms are ready, but in event none is available use VA P-22 (power of attorney) form properly corrected where necessary....All completed forms should be sent to the War Claims Commission, Wash-

ington 25, D. C....The Commission's decisions are final and are not subject to court review....The Commission may, however, modify or reverse its findings upon appeal from the claimant....It is estimated that there were 133,000 American prisoners of war in all theatres, of which number approximately 10 percent died in prison or have died since release....There were 7,000 American civilians interned in the Pacific area, approximately 1,000 of whom died in internment camps.

ARMED SERVICES TERMINAL LEAVE PAY:

Some 30,000 WW2 vets failed to get their applications for some \$6,000,000 in terminal leave pay before the deadline of September 1, 1949....For their relief and for others who have neglected to file applications, the House Armed Services Committee has given approval to H. R. 3205, which sets a new deadline of June 30, 1951....The Bill has to pass the gauntlet in both Houses before becoming law.

WASHINGTON STATE READYING BONUS:

Washington, latest comer to the ranks of bonus-paying States to its WW2 vets, is getting set to distribute some \$80,000,000 to its eligibles....Application forms were completed in January....Regular channels of distribution for vets living in the State through Service Officers and veterans' organizations....Eligible WW2 vets living in other States get theirs by writing the State Auditor, Olympia, Washington....Here are the requirements: Service between December 7, 1941, and September 2, 1945; honorable discharge; citizen or resident at least one year before entering service....Payment: \$10 for each month of home service; \$15 for each month outside the continental limits of the U. S. Next-of-kin of men who died in service: Unremarried widow, surviving children or dependent parents....Evidence of identity and service must be submitted with application....Full size photostat or photograph of discharge certificate is required....Also form must be signed by an acquaintance, in presence of Notary Public, certifying that the vet was a citizen or resident of Washington during the time claimed in application.

STATE BONUS DEADLINES:

Time creeps up on a lot of procrastinators and put-it-off-until-tomorrow lads....Most limited benefits are set within fixed deadlines, and that is particularly true of the State WW2 bonuses....Here are the deadlines (bonus-paying States without deadlines are not mentioned): Connecticut, June 30, 1951; Delaware, January 1, 1951; Illinois, June 30, 1951; Indiana, January 1, 1951; Michigan, March 20, 1951; North Dakota, February 17, 1954; Ohio, June 30, 1950; Pennsylvania, July 1, 1950; South Dakota, June 30, 1950.

CORPS OF AIR RAID SPOTTERS:

The Air Force is readying a training program for a corps of 150,000 aircraft spotters to warn against possible bomber raids on the nation's vital defense centers....Mobilization of the volunteer spotters is the first U. S. long range step in civilian defense against the homeland air attacks certain to be a part of any new war....The Legion has a nucleus of trained spotters who served in vital areas throughout the WW2 period....The huge corps is

scheduled to supplement a radar warning system which will eventually cost \$160,000,000....The volunteers are expected to be well advanced in training before the "radar fence" is built.

VETS FAVOR 20-PAY LIFE POLICIES

VA comes up with an interesting breakdown of the types of National Service Life Insurance policies held by WW2 vets....One-fourth of the 7,190,000 policies have been converted to permanent forms of insurance....The 1,696,000 converted policies have a total face value of \$12,500,000,000....5,494,000 term policies with face value of \$33,900,000,000 have not been converted....Most popular of permanent types of NSLI is the 20-payment life--more than half of the converted insurance, 863,000 policies having a total value of \$3,500,000,000, were in this form....Other types of permanent NSLI, in order of their popularity, are: 30-payment life, 296,000 policies, value \$1,460,000,000; Ordinary life, 272,000 policies, value \$1,427,000,000; 20-year endowment, 125,000 policies, value \$411,000,000; endowment at age of 60, 59,000 policies, value \$297,000,000; endowment at age 65, 27,000 policies, value \$142,000,000.

WISCONSIN BUREAU FINDS JOBS:

Wisconsin's 26 State employment service offices found jobs for 131,427 persons in 1949, Director Henry Lippart reports....Job placements dropped 16.2 percent from 1948.

MILLION ASKED FOR TOMB OF WW2 UNKNOWN:

President Truman asked Congress for a million dollars to provide a tomb for America's Unknown Serviceman of WW2 to be erected in Arlington National Cemetery....Preliminary plans for alterations and for the tomb in the amphitheater area have been approved....It is explained that half of the appropriation is for the construction of the tomb--the other half for expenses incident to the selection and burial with appropriate ceremonies the remains of the Unknown....Site tentatively selected is near the tomb of the Unknown Soldier of WW1....It is hoped to start construction during 1950.

FIVE OVERSEAS CEMETERIES OPENED:

Relatives of WW2 dead may now visit the graves of servicemen at five overseas cemeteries. These are: Henri Chapelle in Belgium; Cambridge in England; Carthage in Tunisia; Epinal and St. James in France....Interments have been completed in these cemeteries and all of them, except Henri Chapelle, have been turned over to the Battle Monuments Commission.

AID TO WW2 CHILDREN:

Three-fourths of the children aided by the Legion's National Child Welfare Division during 1949 were of WW2 parentage....Each year since 1945 has seen a steady rise in the number of WW2 children aided and a corresponding steady dropping off in number of WW1 children....However, the calls for assistance indicate that the number of WW2 children have increased more rapidly than WW1 children have declined, with a resulting annual net increase in Legion aid.

TEACHER SHORTAGE FORECAST:

America's colleges will have to train four times as many grade school teachers as were trained last year to meet peak-need for new teachers in 1953-54....A tremendously increased flock of children will crowd the schools....The need for teachers has been made acute by the millions of "war babies" many now of grammar school age; but the "postwar babies," soon to start to school, present the real problem....Teacher-training institutions in most States are now turning out fewer teachers than are actually

needed for replacements....In 1949, for example, 25,000 grade-school teachers were trained, yet the need was for 75,000....The picture for high school teachers is the reverse; nearly every State now has an over-supply of teachers in this level, except for some special subjects such as home economics, commercial work and industrial arts....In 1949, four high school teachers were trained for every one who was needed....The problem of grade school teachers is complicated by varying working conditions and salaries from State to State....Many States, with relatively good salaries and working conditions, draw teachers from other States....This increases the training problem for the less fortunate units....Educators are concerned about the shortage....They point out that peak enrollment in grades one to eight is expected about 1957 in most States, but that the greatest number of new teachers will have to be hired in 1953, when the most rapid rise in enrollments is anticipated.

NSLI DIV. CHECKS NOT ASSIGNABLE:

Checks in payment of NSLI special dividend are not assignable, and are not subject to income tax....The checks are payable only to the veteran and, under the law, may not be withheld from them as security for indebtedness due to an individual or firm....VA issued this warning after noting that some veterans have directed that their checks be sent to certain business establishments in various localities....The agency has no choice but to honor such requests, since the veteran has the right to have the check mailed to any address he designates....However, no one has the legal right to withhold dividend checks from veterans after receipt, either for the purpose of procuring settlement of a debt or for any other reason.

GI HOME AND BUSINESS LOANS:

Many WW2 vets write Newsletter about a VA loan to buy or build a house or to buy a farm or business....To make the provisions clear: VA does not lend money....The veteran must make his own arrangements for the loan through the usual financial channels....VA then will guarantee the lender against loss up to 50 percent of the loan, with a maximum guarantee of \$4,000 on real estate and \$2,000 on non-real estate loans....See the Legion Service Officer if in doubt about any of the loan guarantee provisions.

MERCHANT MARINE MONTHLY BULLETIN:

A new monthly publication designed to foster the development of our merchant marine as an essential arm of national defense has been issued jointly by the National Security Division of The American Legion and the National Federation of American Shipping....The Merchant Marine Bulletin will be distributed free to Legion Posts and others who request it by the National Security Division, The American Legion, National Headquarters, Indianapolis, Indiana.

AVERAGE LIFE SPAN INCREASED:

The average life span in the United States has risen to 66.8 years, according to figures recently compiled....The new figure is almost two years more than the 65-year average that ruled for the three years preceding WW2....White women with an average span of 70.6 had top longevity of four groups reported on, leading white men by more than 5 years....The life expectancy for the average man is 65.2....The life-span pattern for non-white women is 61.9 years....Life expectancy for non-white men is 57.9 years....The expectation of life at birth has steadily increased since the turn of the century, largely through control of infectious diseases which formerly took a heavy toll among infants, children and young people.

'All-American Conference' Welds Eighty Millions Into United Front to Destroy Communism in United States

Legion Lauded for Historic Action; Permanent Body Unanimously Voted

By JACK LITTLE

Hailed as comparable in historic importance to the Boston Tea Party, the 'All-American Conference' sponsored by The American Legion has succeeded in welding together national organizations representing more than 80 million American citizens into a united front to wage a fight to the finish against communism.

More than 150 delegates from 66 major patriotic, religious, civic, fraternal, labor, business, professional, philanthropic and social organizations throughout the nation accepted the invitation of National Commander George N. Craig to assemble at the Hotel Astor in New York City in a joint endeavor to effect coordinated action to stamp out America's growing menace.

For two days over the memorable week-end of January 28 and 29, they sat attentively as distinguished authorities told of the evil machinations of world communism and how it threatens today . . . unless checked . . . to destroy the American way of life.

Purpose of Meeting

In calling the session to order, Commander Craig said the aim of the conference was:

1. To form a united front against communism.
2. To devise ways and means of strengthening government agencies in the restraint and abolition of communist activities.
3. To try to find some medium to coordinate activities of all these organizations.

The delegates heard Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, former Ambassador to Russia and presently commanding general of the First Army, declare that there is "profound and conclusive evidence" that Moscow has established a fifth column in the United States to overthrow this government.

The assembly heard U. S. Senator Karl E. Mundt of South Dakota, who before his election to the Senate was chairman of the subcommittee of the House Un-American Activities Committee which handled the investigation leading to the recent conviction of Alger Hiss, warn that Russia has a stockpile of atom bombs that "could knock out the United States in 90 seconds by simultaneous attacks on 25 or 30 major cities."

The delegates listened to the words of Columnist George Sokolsky: "Communism seeks to break up our people into small groups, thus weakening us and making us ineffective. The real problem

is to understand the enemy, to realize that communism is neither a political nor an economic system, but a tyrannical philosophy that wholly dominates the lives of those who accept it. Only in united effort can we defeat this common enemy."

They heard State Senator Jack B. Tenney of California say: "We've got to stop quibbling over a lot of little things if we're going to do the big job . . . defeat communism." And James B. Carey, national vice president of the Congress

CONFERENCE RESOLUTION

The All-American Conference adopted the following resolution which was drafted by a committee of seven delegates:

"We, the officially-designated representatives of 66 major national patriotic, religious, labor, business, civic, service, professional, educational, fraternal, veteran, women and social organizations, representing the overwhelming majority of the American people, assembled in the first All-American Conference in New York City, January 28 and 29, 1950, under sponsorship of The American Legion to form a united front against a common enemy - World Communism.

We assembled as free Americans. We have the right, and to assert it, to hold our own and perchance differing views and opinions on problems involving economic, educational, political, religious and social issues. But here in New York, as free Americans all, we find ourselves in complete accord and agreement that:

"1-World Communism is the greatest present threat to domestic security and peace on earth and that its No. 1 targets are God and our American way of life in the United States, the last great stronghold of undiluted human freedom.

"2-The steady infiltration of Communism in our schools and colleges, into our press, radio and screen, into our labor and business and into our government itself has reached a stage where it constitutes an immediate, serious and growing menace to the very existence of the America that we know and love.

"3-Communism, as practiced in the United States, is not an economic or political philosophy, but it is in fact a deliberate revolutionary conspiracy, inspired, directed and financed by an alien power. It seeks to accomplish the overthrow of our constitutional form of government through force and violence. It seeks to achieve its unholy end through deceit and lies, to divide our people through vicious propaganda, to set class against class, race against race and creed against creed. It denies the existence of God, seeks to extirpate all forms of religion and aims to set up the Police State as the supreme authority.

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the chairman of this All-American Conference, George N. Craig, national commander of The American Legion, be and hereby is directed to designate a committee representative of a cross-section of the organizations in attendance at this conference to formulate plans to stimulate and coordinate the efforts of the organizations here represented and of others of like mind, to encourage and enlist active public interest in combating the infiltration, influence and activities of the Communists and of all other subversive elements; and to act as a clearing house and information center through which the various organizations may be informed and advised of the activities and experiences of other organizations, all upon the understanding that such committee shall recognize the full independence of the various organizations and shall not attempt to control or supervise them.

"AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that another meeting of the All-American Conference shall be called by the commander of The American Legion within 90 days to establish a permanent pro-American, anti-Communism, unified and cohesive organization."

of Industrial Organizations (CIO), and Lewis G. Hines, legislative representative of the American Federation of Labor, admonish that "we must war against ignorance if we are to win our fight against our greatest peril."

They bowed reverently as Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen and Rev. Daniel A. Poling admonished that victory for all-American principles can be achieved only through faith in God.

Other inspiring messages were delivered by Frank H. Gordon, chief assistant prosecutor in the New York trials resulting in the conviction of 11 communist leaders, and Dr. Francis L. Bacon, professor of education at University of California at Los Angeles.

Sunday afternoon, January 29, these representatives who had come from almost every section of the country to join in a common cause fired another "shot heard round the world." Without a single negative vote or any controversial discussion, the conference unanimously approved a declaration of all-out war against communism . . . a resolution for immediate formation of a permanent organization and the calling of another 'All-American Conference' within 90 days.

Committee Appointed

Commander Craig promptly appointed a committee of 17 delegates representing a cross section of the meeting, to form a continuing organization and to fix the time and place of a second conference. Harry Read, of Washington, D. C., administrative assistant of the CIO, who had functioned ably as chairman of the resolution committee, was appointed chairman of the over-all committee. Its members are:

Dr. Francis L. Bacon, Westwood, Calif., UCLA College of Education.

Paul Wamsley, Buffalo, N. Y., National Education Association.

Hon. Jack B. Tenney, Los Angeles, Calif. California State Senator.

Alexander T. Wells, New York City, past president Lions International.

Hon. Karl E. Mundt, U. S. Senator from South Dakota.

Miss Olive H. Huston, New York City, executive director National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Marie L. Sheeche, Rockford, Ill., national president The American Legion Auxiliary.

Mrs. J. L. Blair Buck, Washington, D. C., president General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Rabbi Benjamin Schultz, New York City, executive director American Jewish League Against Communism Inc.

Lewis G. Hines, American Federation of Labor.

Rev. Daniel A. Poling, New York City, editor The Christian Herald.

Rev. John F. Cronin, Washington, D. C., assistant director Department of Social Action, National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Dr. Louis H. Bauer, Hempstead, N. Y., chairman of the board of directors of the American Medical Association.

Jackson D. Holtz, Boston, Mass., B'nai B'rith.

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Commander Craig Presents Broad Vet Program To House Committee; Opposes Veteran Section of Hoover Report

By MILES KENNEDY

Director, National Legislative Commission

National Commander George N. Craig appeared before the House Committee on Veterans Affairs on January 17, at which time he highlighted to the Committee the provisions of the Hoover Report adversely affecting the Veterans Administration and the veterans' program. He emphasized that The American Legion stood for real economy in the government's discharge of the nation's obligations to its 19,000,000 veterans. He also pointed out our organization has always abhorred waste in government effort and we recognize that improvements can be achieved in the operations of the present VA. But it is believed very strongly that such improvements in services and savings in costs can be best made within the existing framework of the VA.

In addition to expressing deep concern over the proposed dismemberment of the VA as contained in Reports 2, 9, 14 and 16 of the Hoover Commission, Commander Craig advised the Committee of other important matters concerning veterans and their dependents, and submitted the following program for their earnest and favorable consideration:

1. Modify requirements for award of additional disability compensation for dependents in cases of veterans suffering from service connected disabilities of 10% or more in degree.
2. Provide for temporary total rating for disability pension purposes. The purpose of this proposal is to provide a modest monthly award to the totally disabled veteran whose disabilities are not considered permanent but are of sufficient duration to remove him as a breadwinner for himself and family.
3. Provide for award of death pensions to widows and children of WW2 veterans on the same basis as has been provided in WW1 cases.
4. Revise the rates of death compensation and disability and death pension to effect equitable adjustments.
5. Adjust annual income limitations of veterans, widows, and children for pension purposes, and provide comparable statutory income limitations for death compensation award to dependent parents; and to provide certain exemptions in determining annual income.
6. Adjust the U. S. Government Life Insurance accounts of certain veterans disabled as result of WW1 service.
7. Remove the requirement of showing dependency on the part of parents in gratuitous National Service Life Insurance.
8. Restore insurability of the service connected disabled WW2 veterans.
9. Assure the right of review under Section 302 of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 as amended when officer is released from active military or naval service with disability and not necessarily for disability.

Displaced Persons

On January 25 the Senate Judiciary Committee reported to the Senate S. Rept. 1237 on H. R. 4567, a bill to amend the Displaced Persons Act of 1948.

On January 26 Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee were given authority to file minority views on H. R. 4567. The bill, as approved by the committee, would permit 320,000 displaced persons to come into this country by June 30, 1951, instead of the present quota of 205,000. (Res. 554 Philadelphia, 1949, demands our government heads adhere

strictly to the existing laws and quotas allowing immigration into the U. S., and particularly to the laws now in force applying to displaced persons *** and that we take steps to curtail as far as possible any further immigration to this country at the present time.)

Immigration and Naturalization

On January 24 the House Rules Committee reported a rule for the consideration of H. R. 6616, a bill to provide for the expeditious naturalization of former citizens of the United States who have lost United States citizenship through voting in a political election or in a plebiscite held in Italy. This bill passed the House by a voice vote on February 2.

Hospital Beds for Veterans

It cannot be stressed too often that Section 101 of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 authorizes and directs the Administrator of Veterans Affairs and the Federal Board of Hospitalization to go ahead with the construction of additional beds. All factors pertaining thereto were gone into thoroughly by the medical and construction people of the VA and other groups. The program was endorsed and funds were either appropriated or contact authorizations provided to move ahead. Then in the fall of 1948 someone, presumably in the VA, is reported to have announced that the VA would be unable to staff and run more than 120,000 beds. The enlarged program, if and when completed, would have resulted in a total of 145,000 beds, or an additional number of 45,000 over and above the number to be produced by the 10-year program for veterans of WW1 and prior wars. A representative of the Bureau of the

Budget at hearings before the subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare in March, 1949 testified that the number of veterans awaiting hospital admission was gradually going down and that upon the basis of the number recorded for December 1948, viz., 14,080, and the downward curve up to that point, the Bureau of the Budget decided to recommend to the President the curtailment of the construction program. This was announced by the President in his budget message on January 10, 1949. The number of beds to be cut back was 16,100.

I would like to point out now, as our representatives did before the Senate subcommittee hearings last March, that there is a definite upswing of sick and disabled veterans awaiting hospital care — veterans who are unable to pay for private hospitalization and in fact are unable to get this treatment in any other way. As of November 30, 1949 there were 20,319 veterans certified as eligible for hospitalization and waiting to be admitted. In addition thereto there were 7,913 applications pending in which the eligibility had not as yet been determined. Moreover, according to surveys and information received from our colleagues in the field, there are an additional several thousand whose applications have been withdrawn or have never been filed because of the limited number of beds and the delay in getting into VA hospitals.

The situation is becoming acute. The American Legion has advocated and will continue to advocate and help in any way it can to see that a reasonable number of additional beds are brought forth from some source and made available to the VA. Right now we are engaged in getting data as to Army and Navy hospitals of permanent construction located at points where they can be staffed and which may not be needed by the Department of Defense under its new program. The Legion certainly favors the utilization of these institutions where need is established and where professional and other personnel can be procured.

Federal Board of Hospitalization

This matter has been presented to the Administrator of Veterans Affairs and he has commented that the present arrangement of passing upon hospital construction and hospital bed needs is satisfactory. However, The American Legion submits that the reinstatement of this Federal Board would serve the principle of economy and coordination in the location and building of Federal hospitals. To be effective the Board should be cloaked with authority to weigh the hospital bed needs of the VA and other Federal agencies.

The full text of Commander Craig's
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LEGION CALLS FOR MILITARY TRAINING TO REPLACE DRAFT

Conforming to the mandate of the Philadelphia National Convention, The American Legion urged a permanent compulsory military training program to replace the present draft law. The Legion's position was outlined to the House Armed Services Committee by Legislative Director Miles D. Kennedy on January 30th, when the President's request for a three-year extension of the draft law was under consideration.

Kennedy said that the Legion had supported past peacetime draft laws "as a temporary expedient," but "the value of Selective Service as a deterrent to enemy aggression has long since passed.

"The potential strength of the American nation can best be organized through national security training," he added.

CHILD WELFARE CONCLAVES AT DALLAS AND HARTFORD

Two Area Child Welfare conferences are scheduled for March—at Dallas, Texas, on March 3 and 4 and at Hartford, Connecticut, March 10 and 11.

The Dallas conference, at which Charles M. Mitchell of Monroe, Louisiana, Area "C" Child Welfare Chairman, will preside, will study child welfare problems of 12 southern states and the Department of Panama. All sessions will be held at the Baker hotel in Dallas.

Child welfare leaders of the Legion and its affiliated organizations from the six New England states will attend the Area "A" conference at Hartford, Connecticut. Henry W. Kamens, Terryville, Connecticut, is the Area "A" Child Welfare chairman and will preside at Hartford, where the Bond Hotel has been selected to house the meeting.

ALL AMERICA CONFERENCE

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Donald Marcellus, Washington, D. C., Manager Northeastern division, Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

A representative of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will be named.

66 Organizations Represented

Advertising Council
Altrusa International
American Bar Association
American Council of Christian Churches
American Heritage Foundation
American Federation of Labor
American Hungarian Federation
American Jewish Committee
American Jewish League Against Communism
American Legion Auxiliary
American Medical Association
AMVETS
American China Policy Association
American Social Hygiene Association
American Association of University Women
American Federation of Soroptimist Clubs
American War Mothers
Archbishop A. Stepinac Club
Association of American Physicians and Surgeons
Association of Motion Picture Production
B'nai B'rith
Brooklyn Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers
Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen
Catholic War Veterans
Committee to Defend America by Aiding
Anti-Communist China
C. I. O.
Common Cause
Daughters of American Revolution
Disabled American Veterans
Fraternal Order of Eagles
BPO Elks
Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America
Freedoms Foundation
General Federation of Women's Clubs
Improved Order of Red Men
Interfraternity Research and Advisory Council
Jewish War Veterans
Kiwanis International
Knights of Columbus
International Association of Lions Clubs
Masons
Military Order of Purple Heart
Knights of Pythias
Modern Woodmen of America
Loyal Order of Moose
Mothers of World War II
National Association of Broadcasters
National Association of Evangelicals
National Association of Manufacturers
National Catholic Welfare Conference
National Education Association
National Federation of Business and Professional
Women's Clubs
National Industrial Conference Board
National Interfraternity Conference
National Panhellenic Conference
National Sojourners, Inc.
Odd Fellows
Patriotic Citizens' Association
Sons of the Revolution
Sons of the American Revolution
Spiritual Mobilization
The American Legion
U. S. Chamber of Commerce
United Spanish War Veterans
Veterans of Foreign Wars

Public Participation Program Launched By Legion To Fight Communist, Fascist Threat

Alarmed at the infiltration of communists and fascists into key spots in government and in civil life, The American Legion has embarked upon the most vigorous educational campaign this country has ever seen to awaken the American people to the real dangers that face us. The Legion seeks to tell the story of the insidious and destructive forces that are gnawing away at the pillars of our country and its institutions.

These un-American forces must be stopped now—stopped before it is too late.

The Legion has stepped into the breach. It has thrown the full strength of its 4,000,000 Legionnaires and Auxiliaries into the fight. With the blessing and co-operation of many other truly American organizations the campaign of education and information will be carried into every section of the country.

It is already, perhaps, later than we think. But not too late to tell the story and the glory of the American way of life to combat communism and fascism...to crush forever these false ideologies.

The radio will be used, reaching into nearly every home with our message that will lay bare once and for all the facts of American Democracy vs. communism. Every channel of public information will be employed to drive home the dangers of the subversive forces working against our freedom-loving country. Full page messages in newspapers and magazines, in labor and industrial publications, in college and high school newspapers will be used. This

plan of education on democracy has been well and carefully prepared, and the messages will be ready for nearly every person in America.

How Can I Help?

The tremendous campaign will cost a lot of money—as it necessarily must to be nationally effective. The Legion believes that patriotic Americans who are already alert to the threatening influences, Legionnaires and non-Legionnaires alike, want to have a part in such a public service. To that end the Legion has set up a Public Participation Program, to which funds in any amount—"Dollars for Democracy"—may be contributed. Every penny sent in to this fund by individuals, Posts or business organizations will be expended directly on the educational campaign.

Early in February National Commander George N. Craig sent out some thousands of letters announcing the launching of the Public Participation Program. In the letters he stressed the fact that the campaign must be financed with the dollars that red-blooded Americans provide.

Contributions are to be sent to The American Legion, Freedom Fund, P. O. Box 1055, Indianapolis 6, Indiana.

"There has never been a program like this before in the history of the United States," said Commander Craig. "It is a shame that there has to be one at all. But let's do it before it is too late! This is your stake in America's future. There can be no turning back."

HOUSE LEADER SAYS SPLIT OF VA WILL ADD TO COSTS

In a strong statement opposing the proposals of the Hoover Report to dismember the Veterans Administration and scatter its present functions over five or more bureaus, Hon. John W. McCormack, (Mass.), Majority Leader of the House of Representatives, said that the net result of such a movement would be that "veterans rights would be trimmed, but government costs would not."

The Majority Leader pointed out that such an enactment would wreck the principle of unified service, and that in addition to being uneconomic from the standpoint of expenditures, it would work to the disadvantage of the veterans.

Mr. McCormack's statement is as follows:

"Real economy requires the minimum outlay of time, labor and money. That combination spells efficiency in government operations as in business affairs.

"Government red tape and needless expense flourish on delay and confusion caused by inefficient operations.

"The purpose for which the Hoover Commission was created was to reduce the costs of government by a stream-

lined reorganization of the Executive branches so as to secure efficiency. Some branches of government needed such reorganization.

No Division of Authority

"In its recommendation on veteran affairs, the Hoover Commission failed to recognize that the Veterans Administration was already set up on the one basis on which veteran affairs could be handled with the greatest dispatch and the least cost. The lesson of the past is most emphatic that there must be no division of authority in the vast operation of administering the affairs of 19,000,000 veterans. Yet the Commission proposes such a division of authority. It is uneconomic because divided authority means divided responsibility. Divided responsibility means no responsibility.

"If the Hoover proposal to split up the Veterans Administration into five separate federal agencies should be adopted, it would wreck the principle of unified service and of single responsibility in the handling of veteran affairs. It would require more time, more labor and more money to administer the affairs of veterans. The net result would be that veteran rights would be trimmed but government costs would not."

Craig Reveals Hoover Commission Ignored Vital Veterans Problems

Pork-Barrel Politicos Boost the Report—But Its Proposals Are Old Stuff and Wasteful, Commander Tells Rehab Men

By ROBERT B. PITKIN

George N. Craig, National Commander of The American Legion, revealed to more than 300 Legion service workers on February 6 that the Task Forces of the Hoover Commission which have recommended breaking up the function of the Veterans Administration among five different government agencies apparently made no study of the history of veterans affairs, or the reasons why the Veterans Administration came into existence.

Craig said ex-President Hoover's record of public service is second to none in the land but that the report which bears his name was actually prepared by many groups of aides. The parts of the report affecting the Veterans Administration, he said, were made by men with little experience in veterans affairs without consulting leading experts.

Speaking at the Hotel Statler in Washington, D. C., at the opening of the 27th Legion National Rehabilitation Conference, Commander Craig said the Hoover Task Forces failed to learn anything from the thirty-year record of The American Legion in Rehabilitation. That was because the Hoover Commission declined four different invitations to hear testimony from the Legion or examine Legion records, he said.

Ignored House Committee

The Commander added that the Hoover Task Forces never consulted with the House of Representatives Committee on Veterans Affairs either. Congressman John Rankin of Mississippi, Chairman of the House Committee, and Congresswoman Edith Nourse Rogers of (Mass.), member and former Chairman of the Committee, concurred in Commander Craig's charge.

Craig said the Hoover report's recommendation that veterans affairs be decentralized would be a throwback to an old and wasteful system which did not work. He told the Conference that President Hoover ordered the organization of the Veterans Administration in 1929 because the system now recommended by the ex-President's advisors then existed and was wasteful, inefficient and subject to political meddling. Craig pointed out that the VA has been remarkably free of partisan politics.

The National Commander flatly labeled present efforts to steamroller the Hoover report through Congress in one nineteen-volume piece as an attempt to make a grand political coup out of the sincere desire of Americans for more efficiency in government. Speaking only of the Hoover report as it affects veterans, Craig told the Conference that there was no hope of economy in the

Hoover recommendations regarding the VA. Americans could only expect more and more waste and inefficiency, since five bureaus would handle what one bureau handles now. The way to the kind of saving the people want, he said, is to continue improving VA efficiency, not pile fresh bureaus and fresh duplication of veterans records on the taxpayers.

Craig specifically charged that many who urge the passage of the entire Hoover report in one lump are paid propaganda agents of private groups, and that one hidden motive behind the proposed VA split-up is the desire to use veterans benefits for political patronage and to create more government jobs in the five-fold bureaus that would take over VA's work.

Craig openly assailed a nationwide organization known as the Citizens Committee for the Hoover Report. Though many of the Citizens Committee supporters are sincere and simply believe what they are told, it is significant that the Citizens Committee has employed smear propaganda against veterans, has paid agents to secure the publication of falsehoods and inflammatory half-truths about veterans and veterans affairs.

Most shocking of all, Craig said, the Citizens Committee has asked the public to endorse the entire Hoover report without reading it or knowing its contents.

"The people of the United States don't buy 'pigs in a poke,'" Craig told the Conference. He added: "The attempt to break up the VA is an attempt at more pork barrelling, the creation of new Federal jobs. That is the last thing the nation needs at this hour!"

NEW HIGH RECORD SET IN 1950 ORATORICAL CONTEST

A record-breaking enrollment and participation in the popular National High School Oratorical Contest is being accomplished for 1950. Forty-seven Departments have advised W. C. "Tom" Sawyer, Director of the National Americanism Commission, that they will enter Department winners in the national regional contests which will open on April 10. The elimination contests will progress through sectional meets to the grand finale in the national finals at Phoenix, Arizona, on April 17.

Certification of Department winners must be made to the National Americanism Commission not later than April 1. Scholarship awards in the amount of \$8,000 will be granted to the four finalists: first, \$4,000; second, \$2,500; third, \$1,000, and fourth, \$500.

TOPEKA MEET DRAFTS LAW TO CURB SEX CRIMINALS

A study of state laws on sex crimes and the development of a model bill on the handling of sex criminals was recommended by the 12-state Area "D" Child Welfare conference of The American Legion and its affiliated organizations at Topeka, Kansas, January 13-14.

A special committee, which included among others Governor Frank Carlson of Kansas and Governor Val Peterson of Nebraska, both Legionnaires, studied the problem of the apparently increasing number of major sex crimes involving young children.

The committee found that 14 States had adopted special legislation for handling sexual deviates but that most state laws were completely inadequate.

Better supervision of places where men, women and children gather, such as playgrounds, public parks, transportation terminals and drive-ins, was urged.

"Although there are specific steps which can be taken in legislation and law enforcement," the committee reported, "the problem of preventing sex crimes is a part of the over-all problem of human behavior and as such must be met on an educational basis."

Special committees at each of The American Legion's Area Child conferences are being called by National Child Welfare Chairman Dr. A. H. Wittmann of Philadelphia. The findings and recommendations of the different committees, representing all parts of the country, will be referred to the Executive Section of the National Child Welfare Commission at its meeting in Indianapolis March 30 to April 1, according to Dr. Wittmann.

"It is our hope that The American Legion can provide some guidance and national leadership in meeting this complex problem," Dr. Wittmann said.

JUNIOR BASEBALL PLAYERS HONORED BY HALL OF FAME

The 1950 American Legion Junior Baseball Handbook, now being distributed by the Americanism Division at National Headquarters, Indianapolis, has brought new honors to top flight graduates of the great Legion baseball competition.

The back cover of the Handbook carries the pictures of the seven most outstanding American Legion Junior Baseball graduates in the major leagues in 1949. They are: Ted Williams, Stan Musial, Pee Wee Reese, Bob Dillinger, Mel Parnell, Virgil Trucks and Ralph Kiner. This array caught the interest of the National Hall of Fame and Museum at Cooperstown, New York, and an enlargement was requested by Vice President Paul Kerr.

The picture will remain on display throughout 1950 along with the American Legion plaque and picture of Shortstop Ray Herrera, of the Oakland, California, National Championship team, who was named the "American Legion Junior Baseball player of the year."

A war surplus amphibious "duck" owned by Clark County Post No. 90, Marshall, Illinois, became a rescue ship when flood waters of the Wabash River marooned a lot of people in their homes in mid-January. Behaving like a seasoned veteran, the "duck" not only transported men and women to safety but brought out farm livestock . . . Ringing the changes on the time-honored custom of Santa Claus bringing gifts, the children brought gifts to Santa at the home of Catasauqua (Pennsylvania) Post No. 215 on Christmas day. Youngsters brought toys to contribute to the "Tide of Toys" campaign for the children in Europe . . . Puerto Rico Post No. 1 has awarded a life membership to Ralph A. Westerfield, Cincinnati, Ohio, the first to be given by any unit of the Puerto Rico Department. Legionnaire Westerfield, long a member of Puerto Rico Post, has served the Department on many national committees, as Alternate National Executive Committeeman and last year as National Executive Committeeman.

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More than 100 hospitalized veterans were the guests of National Variety Artists Post No. 690, New York City, at its 29th annual all-star show, dance and massing of the colors on the evening of February 21 . . . William B. Wilson Post No. 572, Blossburg, Pennsylvania, takes its name from the first Secretary of Labor in the cabinet of President Woodrow Wilson. The present Commander, William B. Wilson, (WW2 vet), is a grandson and namesake of the man for whom the Post was named . . . Glen Smiley, Milford, Illinois, came out of WW1 a First Lieutenant. Came WW2, his three sons, Arthur, Curtis and Everett, all volunteered. Each came out with the rank of First Lieutenant . . . England-Parsons Post No. 191, Waverly, Virginia, a 55-member unit, sent its first shipment of 417 toys to the TOT pier the first of the year. The Post is constructing a \$24,000 memorial building to serve as a Legion home and community center.

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With King-Beazley Post No. 4, Forrest City, Arkansas, sparking the campaign, funds have been raised to erect a memorial to the dead of both World Wars from St. Francis County. Dedication ceremonies will be held on May 30 . . . Legionnaire Sylvan Katz, member of Col. John R. Slattery Post No. 1099, New York City, was selected to represent the National Guard in the Army Show over TV station WPIX in December . . .

House Majority Leader John W. McCormack was presented with a gold Life Membership card by Columbia Post No. 51, South Boston, Massachusetts. A charter member of the Post and six-star Legionnaire, he asked the privilege of continuing to pay his annual membership dues.

When Legionnaire Dwain L. McKillip was a patient in the Crile VA Hospital at Cleveland, Ohio, last year he resolved to do something about the faulty bedside radio equipment. Still a patient, his comrades elected him Commander of Bell Telephone Memorial Post No. 626, Cleveland. Now, with the cooperation of 30 Legionnaires, the patients have little complaint — members of the Post spent more than 300 hours repairing earphones, control units and speakers . . . First gift to the "Tide of Toys" in Arizona: Mary Ann Martin, 6, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Martin, of Douglas, gave her doll to Department Commander Frank E. Moore. Her dad is Adjutant of Fred Hilburn Post No. 11, Douglas . . . Burke-O'Malley Post No. 803, South Deering, Illinois, will dedicate their \$80,000 dream home on March 19. Legion home and community center, Legionnaires claim that six weddings are waiting for the dedication and home opening . . . Henry Beerman Post No. 180, Tieton, Washington, erected a flag pole and contributed a flag to its new consolidated community school building.

PANAMA HAS TWO HUSBAND AND WIFE COMMAND TEAMS

Elbert S. Waid Post No. 2, Cristobal, Canal Zone, elected Waldo Gilley to serve as its 1950 Commander — the Auxiliary Unit followed up by electing Mrs. Gilley as President. Not to be outdone, neighboring Nathaniel J. Owen Post No. 3, Fort Gulick, elected Lorne B. Hale as Commander and Mrs. Hale as President of the Auxiliary Unit. In addition to his duties as skipper of Owen Post, Commander Hale is also serving as Department Adjutant for the Panama Canal Zone.

Charles N. Bajart, Jr., Post No. 1122, Yonkers, New York, will soon move into its brand new \$50,000 building. All work done on the building was on a voluntary basis, with much of the building materials contributed or purchased at cost . . . Drips' Post No. 130, Kimball, South Dakota, is planning a new building. Construction work will start in the early spring . . . Capt. Harry B. Doremus Post No. 55, Hackensack, New Jersey, (nationally known for its champion Drum and Bugle Corps), sent its members to Hackensack Hospital to replenish the badly depleted blood bank. Newspapers tossed orchids for this fine public service. Adjutant Chester Eccleston will be glad to furnish details of plan to any Post that has such a project in mind . . . Miss Claire F. Wall, Massachusetts Department Chairman of Woman's Membership, has called a meeting of all Bay State women vets to convene at the State House, Boston, on March 4. Purpose is to acquaint the women with their rights and benefits as vet-

erans . . . Delaware Post No. 1, Wilmington, gave its distinguished member Edward A. Mulrooney a Gold Life Membership card as a Christmas present. Legionnaire Mulrooney, in addition to long years of service to his Post, has served as National Vice Commander and Chef de Chemin de Fer, 40 'n 8.

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Captain Edward L. Grant Post No. 1225, Bronx, New York, has furnished three Department Chaplains to the New York Legion: Rev. Father Arthur Quinn, Past Post Commander, served in 1946; Rabbi Abram Nowak, 1948, and Rev. Father Dennis Coleman, the present Department Chaplain. A testimonial dinner was given these distinguished leaders at which Rev. Jack Sherley, Protestant, also a Post member, served as Master of Ceremonies . . . Continuing its custom, Dr. George A. Hayunga Maritime Post No. 1069, New York, gave a Christmas party for more than 300 children, with eats, entertainment and plenty of gifts . . . Harry Niles, old-time major league baseball star, celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary in February at his Sturgis, Michigan home. An Infantry lieutenant in WW1, he is a member of Neuman-Wenzel Post No. 73, Sturgis . . . Ross Thompson, of the *Star-Journal*, Pueblo, Colorado, and Public Relations Director of Pueblo Post No. 2, is compiling a booklet tracing all members of the 145th Naval Construction (Seabee) Battalion.

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Theodore Roosevelt Post No. 627, Chicago, Illinois, awarded a Life Membership card and citation to Hyman Gordon, its long-time Service Officer, on January 10 . . . Morgan-McDermott Post Rifle Team, 1949 National Legion .30 calibre champions, has been awarded gold, silver and bronze medals for team and individual champ events . . . Pascack Valley Post No. 153, Park Ridge, New Jersey, is kept on the beam by the criticisms of "Beatrice Bushmouth, the bearded WAC," a character created by *Pascack*, the Post's publication. . . Still looking for that GI buddy you lost track of? Jot down this address: Post-office Box 1111, Washington 13, D. C. — that's the address of a new and unique service bureau, the National Association of Combat Units, founded by 50 service "alumni" associations to help ex-GIs locate their wartime pals. The NACU is designed to help vets of both World Wars, so if you're just itching for a reunion with some special Joe, take a postcard and drop the NACU a line. . . Follett, Texas, is a town of 431 population. Follett Legion Post has 103 members. That's a good record, but a better one is that J. G. Jack Schultz, 18th District Zone 5 Chairman, signed up 101 of them. . . Mrs. Bernita Shelton Matthews, Washington, D. C., charter member and Past President of Sergeant Jasper Unit No. 13, American Legion Auxiliary, has been appointed Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. . . California had 45 Legion junior Baseball grads playing with Major League teams in 1949.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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statement before the House Veterans Affairs Committee has been inserted in the *Congressional Record* and 30,000 copies have been reprinted for distribution to Department and Post officials. Please notify the National Legislative Commission of your needs.

The National Legislative Commission met in Washington, D.C. on January 25-27. Chairman Elmer Sherwood called upon all members and the membership of both the Legion and Auxiliary to contact their Representatives and Senators, advising them of our opposition to those portions of the Hoover Report that affected veterans' rights. He further made the plea that when the Representatives and Senators replied or expressed their attitude, that such information be immediately forwarded to the National Legislative Commission at Washington, so that an up-to-the-minute poll could be maintained on Congressional attitude. In this way your National Legislative Commission will be more effective and in a better position to keep the Departments alerted at all times when special efforts may have to be exerted on any particular delegation.

Military Credit

On January 26 the House Rules Committee reported H. Res. 448, a rule for the consideration of H. R. 87, a bill relating to the promotion of veterans of World War II in the field service of the Post Office Department. The rule granted is an open one providing for one hour's debate on H. R. 87. A companion bill, S. 689 passed the Senate August 9, 1949. (Legion Res. 305—San Francisco, 1946, recommends such legislation.)

Territories

On January 28, 1950, the House agreed to H. Res. 217, providing a rule for the consideration of H. R. 331, to provide for the admission of Alaska into the Union, and H. Res. 218, rule for the consideration of H. R. 49, to enable the people of Hawaii to form a constitution and State government and to be admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the original States. This action was pursuant to clause 2 (c) of rule 11, and is in line with Legion Res. 513, Philadelphia, 1949. Both bills will be scheduled for consideration at a later date.

THREE DEPARTMENTS JOIN 100 PERCENT MEMBER CLUB

North Dakota led the way in reporting a full 100 percent of its membership quota for 1950. That good Department has been joined by Iowa, 87,070 members, or 103.95 percent of assigned quota; Nebraska, 46,325 members, 100.74 percent, and South Dakota, 21,018 members, 100.14 percent of quota. Montana, with 91.97 percent of quota reported, is within spitting distance of the goal, closely followed by Kansas, and Alaska.

SCOUTS MAKE REPORT ON NATION TO THE PRESIDENT



Eagle Scout
Gerald Mongold

Eagle Scout Gerald Mongold, of Enid, Oklahoma, member of Explorer Unit No. 2011, sponsored by Argonne Post No. 4, The American Legion, of his home city.

The report to the nation embraced a complete report of the progress of the Boy Scout Councils, including membership, activity, community and civic service, and some of the goals set for the coming year. In addition to reporting to the President at Washington, the Scouts participated in a ceremony at Independence Hall, Philadelphia, commemorating the 40th anniversary of Scouting, and spent two days in New York City as guests of the National Council.

Twelve Boy Scouts, representing the twelve Regions of the Boy Scouts of America, made a personal report to the nation on Scouting through President Truman at the White House on February 8. Included in the group, representing the 9th Region, was

LEGION'S 4th BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT SET FOR MARCH 29

The fourth annual National American Legion invitational basketball tournament will be held in McPherson, Kansas from March 29 to April 1, with an expected field of 20 teams battling for top honors. Serving as host for the tourney will be the Harry B. Dorst Post No. 24 of McPherson, which sponsored the 1949 National Championship Team.

Only Department champions will be permitted to participate and the competing players must have been members of The American Legion Post they represent prior to February 15. The players must be amateurs. Legionnaires under contract to professional basketball teams or leagues for the current season will not be allowed to compete.

Notice of the intention of the Department to enter a team in the tournament must be filed on or before March 1, and the team representing the Department must be certified with National Headquarters on or before March 21, by the Department Commander, Adjutant or Athletic Officer.

Immediately following the deadline date for Department entries, (March 1) National Adjutant Henry H. Dudley will conduct the drawings to determine team pairings.

All games will be played on a straight one-game-loss and elimination basis.

Previous National Champions.

1947... Berryhill Post No. 165, Midland, Michigan.

1948... Col. Joseph H. Thompson Post No. 261, Beaver Falls, Pa.

1949... Harry B. Dorst Post No. 24, McPherson, Kansas.

LEGION SPONSORS 61-UNIT VETERANS HOUSING PROJECT

Construction has been started on a 61-single-family unit veterans' co-operative housing project at Blackwell, Oklahoma, the first to be started in that State under The American Legion's sponsorship. The project is being built under a provision of the National Housing Act permitting FHA to finance houses to be built by a non-profit corporation and sold to members of the corporation.

An FHA-insured blanket mortgage of \$396,500 has been obtained for the construction of the Blackwell project. Title to the individual houses will be passed to the veterans buying them and will be released from the blanket mortgage. The houses will sell for around \$7,000, including the lot. Buyers will have their choice of frame or asbestos siding and shingle or composition roof.

The American Legion is planning sponsorship of similar projects for veterans in other Oklahoma cities.

THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

DECEMBER 31, 1949

ASSETS

Cash on hand and on deposit..	\$1,573,829.09
Receivables	155,878.65
Inventories	431,083.29
Invested Funds	961,740.96
Permanent Trusts:	
Overseas Graves Decoration Trust Fund \$ 253,185.17	
Employees' Retirement Trust Fund 1,052,144.66	1,305,329.83
Real Estate, less depreciation..	261,466.21
Furniture and Fixtures, less depreciation	269,061.72
Deferred Charges	67,617.49
	<u>\$5,026,007.24</u>

LIABILITIES, DEFERRED REVENUE AND NET WORTH

Current Liabilities	\$ 193,439.73
Funds restricted as to use	302,658.27
Deferred income	1,973,840.84
Permanent Trusts:	
Overseas Graves Decoration Trust	\$ 253,185.17
Employees' Retirement Trust	1,052,144.66
	1,305,329.83
Net Worth:	
Restricted Capital:	
Reserve Fund..	\$739,580.76
Restricted Fund	13,023.14
Reserve for construction of Washington office	320,367.71
Real Estate ...	80,000.00
	1,152,971.61
Surplus	173,495.63
Excess of expense over income 11 months..	75,728.67
	<u>1,250,738.57</u>
	<u>\$5,026,007.24</u>

Napa's Mr. Santa Claus

Napa, California, has a Mr. Santa Claus—he's George A. Babcox, Adjutant of Napa Post No. 113. All letters addressed to "Santa Claus" were delivered to him by the local postoffice; he read the letters carefully and made a personal investigation of the needs of each little letter-writer. Each child got an acknowledgment on Santa Claus stationery and—if there was need or reason for special attention—Mr. Santa Claus personally delivered some little gift.

COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Co. E, 66th Infantry, 71st Division, (WW2) — Will Harry Swisher, of Virginia, please write. Statement needed. Holland F. Elmore, St. Anthony, Indiana.

Battery A, 199th AAA Bn. — Will comrades who served with this outfit at Camp Haan, Cal., February to August, 1943, and in Station Hospital, Ward B4, Camp Stoneman, please write. Need support for claim. Carsie Dunbar, Jamestown, Ky.

Hdqs. Dept., 1852nd Unit, 8th Service Command — Need to locate Walter E. Hixon to return valuable papers. Write Frank Wick, Contact Representative, Veterans Administration, Yuma, Ariz.

U.S.S. Neosho — Will shipmates who know of death of Seaman Kenneth Bright, killed in action Coral Sea Battle, May, 1942, please write. Information needed to complete insurance claim. Lyle Eckhart, Commander, Paul D. Lindell Post No. 266, American Legion, Almena, Kans.

Co. C, 315th Ammunition Train, 90th Div., (WW1) — Need to locate 1st Lt. Wm. H. Horton, C.O., (formerly Conway, Ark.) Statement needed for claim. L. R. Clifton, 922 Poinsett Drive, Cocoa, Fla.

Co. A, 31st Machine Gun Bn., Camp Meade, (WW1) — Will men who knew or served with the late Sgt. Gerald A. Dowd please write his widow. Statements needed to establish claim. Mrs. Nan Dowd, 422 New Street, Scranton, Pa.

Klamath Falls, Ore. — Will the Navy Nurse stationed at Marine Corps Rehab. Camp between August, 1944, and January 13, 1945, who collided with me while horseback riding, please write. Also drill sergeant who dismissed me when my leg gave out on drill field. Statements badly needed. Lyman Wilson Byers II, 35 Dennison St., Forty Fort, Pa.

Co. F, 134th Inf., 35th Div. (WW2) — Urgently need to hear from men captured with me in September, 1944, and were later at Stalag XII A, and Stalag VII A at Moosburg. Julian Ayala, 324 Beech St., Pueblo, Colo.

971st H.A.M. Ordnance Co., (WW2) — Will 1st Sgt. Woods please write to 1/5 Lester Waterhouse, 34 Delard St., Lowell, Mass. Statement needed.

Co. A, 6th Engrs., 3rd Div. (WW1) — Will comrades who served with me in France and Germany in 1918 please write. Especially need statements of Wag. Frank Giroud, Corp., Joseph Laughlin, Pvt. 1st Ban Messenger, Pvt. George R. McGann, Sgt. Bert B. Newcomb, and Wag. Armandus Wassum. Address Frank G. Fagan, Lake Road, LeRoy, N. Y.

S.S. Thorstien Veblen — Urgently need to locate Lt. JG Ralph A. Jones, who commanded armed guard on ship between August 12, 1943, and June 30, 1944. Believed to live in Pennsylvania, possibly Chester or Allentown. Statement needed for a shipmate. Write Russell C. Buck, Service Officer, Spirit of '76 Post, American Legion, Wellington, Ohio.

A.T. Co., 38th Infantry — Need to hear from service comrades of my late husband, PFC John D. McKenzie who know of any hospitalization, or of his being knocked out of his foxhole, or anyone with him in Czechoslovakia in 1945. Mrs. John B. McKenzie, Box 768, Hiwassee Dam, N. C.

Reserve Mallet (French Army Truck Organization) — Need statements of Lt. Edwards, Sgts. Shinn, Starkhouse and Tony Mund to complete claim. Edgar Van Kams, 1121 Howell St., Seattle 1, Wash.

MTC 446 and 707, (WW1) — Corp. Salin C. Karan urgently needs to contact the following men: Martin Probitsky, Lt. Cheney, Lt. Snell, Lt. Terry. Write Thomas F. Dugan, Service Officer, Kings County American Legion, Room 1, Boro Hall, Brooklyn 2, N. Y.

Unit 2002, Naval Beach Party Hdqtrs. — Need to locate men of unit stationed on New Guinea January 1 to February 23, 1945, particularly 1st Lt. Blunt, Michael R. Downey, Arthur A. Bitterman, Electrician Mate 1/c Sanborn and Pharmacist Mate with Party, Write Randall F. Hill, Box 273, Williamson, W. Va.

81st Naval Construction Bn., Camp Perry, Va. — Will Pharmacist Mates Patterson, Hanson and Surrelita write me. Need support for claim, fever, foot and leg injury at Camp Perry. Write J. C. B. Edmundo, Zolfo Springs, Fla.

U.S.S. Wythe (APB 41) — Need to hear from shipmates of Jim Abner, S.2/c, particularly medical officer and PM "Whity" Larkin. Was in sickbay on VJ Day. Communicate with M. W. Dunevan, John I. Todd Post No. 152, American Legion, Hogsenville, Ga.

Battery A, 550th AAA Bn. — Will Capt. Samuel Charles Johnson please write. Statement needed. Peter J. Cascio, 178 Willoughby St., Brooklyn 1, N. Y.

Co. B, 735th MP Co., Cincinnati, also 70th Div. Hdqs., France — Need statements to establish disability claim. Will service comrades please write. Charles M. Kenneally, 310 Pennsylvania Ave., McDonald, Ohio.

96th Gen. Hosp., Camp Maxey, Texas — Need to locate Lt. Malcolm Riddle for statement. Please write Edward T. Howarth, 855 N. Main Street, West Bridgewater, Mass.

Co. A, 433rd Signal Corps — Urgently need to

hear from service comrades, particularly Company Commander, 1st Sgt. Jerry Steadman, M. Sgt. M. F. Bartle, Sgt. Ray Westerberg, Gordon Rausch, Joe Ostrowski. Write Kerby P. (K. P.) Gauthier, Mansura, La.

U.S. Naval Hosp., Seattle, Wash. — Will Doug Buell, Jim White, "Red" Pittner or any others who knew me at the hospital in February, 1945, please write — or anyone who remembers when I boxed an inter-service bout at Sand Point and was knocked out in second round. Don Sauer, 71 Main St., North Plymouth, Mass.

U.S. Naval Training Center, San Diego — Men who served with me in Co. 9, January, 1945, or Co. 23, February, please write. Am unable to establish claim. Jessie Miles Beckham, Rt. 1, Box 135, Weslaco, Texas.

U.S.S. J. Franklin Bell, (APA 16) — William J. McDonnell, RFD 3, New Bedford, Mass., needs statements to prove claim for injury when ship crashed into Pier 36, San Francisco. Shipmates who know of incident please write.

Hdqs. Battery, 132nd FA Bn., 36th Inf. Div. — Urgently need to locate Donald T. Hynns, (former address 600 E. 18th St., New York), to help a comrade, Write Santo A. Cannon, Commander, William E. Shetline Post No. 96, American Legion, 1231 Snyder Ave., Philadelphia 48, Pa.

Bill Black, Jim Fox — Urgently need to locate William T. Black, ex-Gillespie, Ill., and James C. Fox, ex-Daly City, Cal., for statement re: service injury to Richard Coburg. Will anyone who knows present address of either of these men please write Mahlon S. Beakes, Service Officer, Post 151, American Legion, Middletown, N. Y.

3rd Tank Division — Need to locate Chaplain who talked with George M. Beal, killed in action, for statement. Dan Tompkins, Service Officer, William E. Dillard Post No. 104, American Legion, Sylva, N. C.

Camp Davis, N. C., Intelligence Division — Will Cpl. Earl Beatte, (home in Wisconsin, 1943), please write. Statement needed for claim. F. J. Austin, Box 6, Kosciusko, Miss.

U.S.S. Relief (AH 1) — Wanted, to locate Lt. McCarthy, Medical Officer. Will any shipmate who knows his address please write. George F. Flood, (EM 3/c), 2155 Gleason Ave., Bronx 61, New York, N. Y.

Battery C, 54th Bn., 12th F.A., Camp Roberts, Cal. — Need to locate Staff Sgt. Whipple, Sgt. Larson, and Cpl. Mitchell for statements about injuries in training between Sept. 9 and Dec. 22, 1942. Write William A. Chronister, Beal Route, Van Buren, Mo.

24th Co. Band, G.S.I. — Will anyone who served with this outfit in fall of 1915 who recalls fire in rear of Fabian Bldg., please write. Need statement for Civil Service and service connected claim. Earl Majors, 937 Vermont St., Lawrence, Kans.

376th Inf., 94th Division, (3rd Bn. Medics) — Need statements to support claim for service injuries, particularly from Capt. Stanley, Bn. M.O., Staff Sgt. Frank C. Mahar, PFC Edward Spieck, T/5 Clyde R. Morrow, and Bill Ittner. Write Jessie I. Swezey, 109 1/2 W. Washington, North Little Rock, Ark.

William O. Snoddy, formerly of Wisconsin — Teacher by profession, last heard of in Texas; has money due him from teachers' retirement fund. Contact P. J. Koppelaar, American Legion Post No. 78, 2505 N. 72nd St., Milwaukee 13, Wis.

Ft. Bragg, N. C. — Fred L. Fosters, RFD 1, Suwanee, Ga., needs to locate men who served with him in C-5-2, Ft. Bragg, or overseas in Hdqs. Btry. 45th C.A. Bn., particularly Evans, King, Sgt. Toth, Johnson, Lewis, Capt. J. McCarthy, Little, Ford and Kriz.

Port Dispensary, Honolulu, T. H. — Will anyone who knows present address of Capt. Peterson, M.D., at above station on Sept. 1, 1946, please write Clement S. Jeep, 2618 44th Ave., San Francisco, Cal.

924th Co., USNTS, Newport, R. I. — Will anyone who knows when I hurt my ankle in December, 1943, or January, 1944, please write. Frank Elwood Wright, 206 Poplar Ave., Moundsville, W. Va.

U.S.S. Utah, (2nd Division) — Need to contact men who served with me in 1917-18, particularly BM1/c H. G. Diggs and BM1/c H. L. Hanson, and others who know of my back injury. Theodore M. Isaacs, 111 Park Blvd., New Smyrna Beach, Fla.

28th Balloon Co., Lee Hall, Va. — Urgently need to hear from anyone who can give me present address of 1st Lt. McMillen, 2nd Lts. Reuben J. Shay and Roswell W. Henninger, Pvs. Otto J. Kreiger, Earl D. Reese, Donald Bradbury and Sgt. Gaff. Write Curtis A. McLean, 12 Harrison St., Greenville, Pa.

Co. C, 1st Motor Repair Bn., Camp Devens and Camp Holabird, (WW1) — Urgently need to hear from service comrades of my brother, Walter Briggs. Statements needed to connect his claim. Mrs. Lillian Breall, 123 Orchard St., Somerville, Mass.

57th Service Co., Signal Corps, (WW1) — While unloading beef at Cheverny, France, in late December, 1918, I was injured by a fall. Three men were with me (names unknown) in QM truck; their statements badly needed. Write A. T. (Happy) Thompson, Box 64, Douglas, Ga.

Presidio, San Francisco — Need to hear from the nurse whom I passed frequently (name unknown) at the South Gate where I was guard during flu epidemic fall and winter of 1918-19. Her statement needed. C. L. Coats, Lake Fork, Ill.

OUTFIT REUNIONS

9th Infantry Division Association — 5th annual reunion at Sherman Hotel, Chicago, Ill., July 13-15. For details write 9th Infantry Division Association, P.O. Box 1704, Washington 12, D. C.

12th Armored (Hellcat) Division — 4th annual reunion at Neil House, Columbus, Ohio, September 2-3. For information write Wm. W. Hawkins, Convention Chairman, 1086 Geneva Ave., Columbus 8, Ohio.

30th (Old Hickory) Infantry Division — 4th annual reunion at Memphis, Tenn. June 15-17. For info write John P. Carbin, P.O. Box B, Bergen Station, Jersey City, N. J., or James E. Melton, 364 Alexander, Memphis, Tenn.

78th Division Association — Dinner-dance reunion at Roseville Avenue Armory, 120 Roseville Ave., Newark, N. J., April 15. Doors open 4 P.M. Info from Chairman, E. Jerry Kamen, 207 Market St., Newark 2, N. J.

80th (Blue Ridge) Division, (WW1 and 2) — 31st national reunion, Harrisonburg, Va., August 3-6. For details and info write 80th Division Veterans Association, 535 5th Ave., Pittsburgh 19, Pa., or R. L. Stultz, 224 N. Main St., Harrisonburg, Va.

U.S.S. Mercy (1918-19) — All shipmates called for 1st reunion at Mullins, S. C., August 8. Write W. H. (Bill) Martin, 89 Henry Ave., Pittsfield, Mass., or Sam H. Hardwick, P.O. Box 100, Mullins, S. C.

U.S.S. Ancon — 3rd annual reunion at Adelphi Hotel, 13th and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia, Pa., May 13th. Shipmates contact Henry R. Spaventa, 3331 N. 17th St., Philadelphia 40, Pa. Phone Ba 9-8193.

643rd Tank Destroyer Bn. — Reunion at Oak Room, Armory, 34th St. and Park Ave., New York City, April 22nd. Contact John A. Wesenberg, 23 Linden Blvd., Brooklyn 26, N. Y., for details.

415th RR Tel. Bn. — Annual banquet reunion, Morrison Hotel, Chicago, Ill., Saturday, April 29th. James J. Maher, Secretary, 3723 S. Rockwell St., Chicago 32, Ill. Phone La 3-8780.

Co. M, 397th Infantry — Reunion at Chicago, Ill., March 4-5. Informal affair. Contact Don Elstad, Lakeville, Minn., or Bill Mahon, 220 So. State Street, Chicago, Ill.

1896th Engineers, Avn., BHS Co. — 2nd annual reunion at Roosevelt Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa., April 28-30. For reservations and info write Walter Puhowski, 638 Adams St., Steubenville, Ohio.

127th Naval (Seabee) Construction Bn. — 4th annual reunion at Chicago, Ill., October 14-15. Write Floyd M. White, 6142 S. Spaulding, Chicago 29, or John J. Clynes 1226 N. Leavitt, Chicago 22, for info and reservations.

802nd Ord. L/M Co., 102nd Division — 6th annual company reunion at Youngstown, Ohio, August 24-26; headquarters, Pick-Ohio Hotel, For info write Ed Ramager, RD 2, Kennerdell, Pa.

512th FA Battalion — 2nd annual reunion at Cornish Arms Hotel, New York City, Saturday, March 11. Details from Secretary, Louis Merkel, 278 First Ave., New York 9, N. Y.

Battery C Club, 217th CA (AA) — Annual reunion at American Legion Club, Alexandria, Minn., May 13th. Info from Lyle B. Anderson, Secretary, Sauk Centre, Minn.

Company-Battery D, Wildwood, N. J. (WW1) — Reunion will be held at Wildwood in April. Old members contact Michael F. Sheehan, 2808 Park Blvd., Wildwood, N. J.

Eniwetok Veterans — 4th annual reunion at LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, Ill., August 16-18. All outfits serving on Eniwetok and ship personnel are eligible. For info write or contact Mel O. Bigley, P.O. Box 132, Ottawa, Ohio.

97th and 108th Naval (Seabee) Construction Bn. — 2nd annual reunion at St. Louis, Mo., September 2-4. For information write Lowell O. Caldwell, (The Mail Man), 4456 Arco Ave., St. Louis 10, Mo.

Photo Intelligence Detachment, ETO — Reunion planned for all PID in August. Write Charles H. Dieken, 904 N. Bloomington St., Streator, Ill.

550th AAA Bn. — 1st annual reunion Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe, Times Square, New York, May 27th. Write Peter J. Cascio, 356 Gold St., Brooklyn 1, N. Y.

Field Hospital 333, 309th Sanitary Trn., 84th Div. (WW1) — 2nd annual reunion being arranged. Members contact R. F. Barnett, White Hall, Ill., for full details.

70th Field Hospital — Reunion in Chicago, Ill., June or July. Vets write R. P. Brooks, 1371 Newton St., Akron 5, Ohio.

625th Ord. Amm. Co. — 5th annual reunion at Buckeye Lake Park, Ohio, September 3-4; headquarters, Lake Breeze Hotel. Details from Harold Hall, 151 State St., Rittman, Ohio.

Iceland Base Command — 1st reunion, Commodore Hotel, New York City, March 3-5. Banquet, Toots Shor's Restaurant, 4th, with Maj. Gen. William S. Key principal speaker. Details from David Zinkoff, Chairman, 5211 Girard Ave., Philadelphia 31, Pa.

307th Infantry Veterans Association (WW2) — Anniversary reunion and dance at Hotel Taft, 51st St. and 7th Ave., Saturday evening, May 13th. Info from Jerry Hanifan, 307th Inf. Vets. Assn., c/o 77th Division Club, 28 E. 39th St., New York 16, N. Y.

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Legion's First "Tide Of Toys" Ship Sailed With 900,000 Gifts For Kids

The first shipment to Europe of toys contributed by American children to The American Legion's "Tide of Toys" drive left Philadelphia February 7. Approximately 900,000 toys weighing 146 tons made up the initial TOT cargo, National Commander George N. Craig said.

Destined for the port of Rotterdam, they will be distributed by CARE representatives to children in the Netherlands, Austria, Berlin and the three zones of Western Germany. Additional millions of toys will go in succeeding shipments to France, Italy, the British Isles, Greece and Norway. Toys also will go to Poland and Yugoslavia where CARE is not operative, under special arrangements between the Legion and those two countries.

Commander Craig estimated that a total of 3 million toys would be dispatched overseas by the end of February. The cost of ocean transportation, in most cases, will be defrayed by the Economic Cooperation Administration.

The nationwide "Tide of Toys" program was launched on December 26, with 17,400 American Legion Posts serving as collection centers. Local collection drives, through which children in the U. S. were asked to give new playthings as an expression of friendship to toyless youngsters abroad, were terminated January 20.

Sendoff Ceremony

The departure of the first toy-laden ship was marked by a colorful dockside ceremony. While the loading operation was underway, the program participants were nationally known figures as well as scores of the youngsters who made possible the toy shipments. Walter E. Alessandrini of Philadelphia, American Legion Department Commander of Pennsylvania and director of overseas shipping for TOT, served as chairman of the event.

Commenting on what he termed a "phenomenal response" to the Legion's appeal for toys, Commander Craig attributed the success of the drive generally to "the child's sympathy and affection for those who are less fortunate than himself."

"We of the Legion undertook this program in the hope that it would be the means of starting friendships between the new generations of children on both sides of the Atlantic that would last through their adulthood," Commander Craig stated. "By responding so willingly, American boys and girls have assured the realization of that hope on a vast scale. The message they are sending abroad is not one merely of compassion for less fortunate youngsters but of belief and affection — and it goes in a form more meaningful and expressive than government-to-government protocol permits."

The Legion chief also expressed thanks for assists given the toy drive by countless public and private groups. Cited for their voluntary cooperation, in addition to CARE, the State Department and ECA, were the nation's railroads which arranged delivery of toys freight-free to Philadelphia; church and school leaders who in many localities led collection campaigns; fire and police departments; Boy and Girl Scouts of America, and the newspaper and radio profession.

Million Toys In

Meanwhile, American Legion headquarters reported these vital statistics: Containers for the playthings, ranging in size from ten-pound boxes to 75-pound crates, fill almost one-half of the huge warehouse at Pier 38.

Of the first million toys received and processed there were more dolls than any other single type of toy. Drums, coloring sets, truck and car models, and stuffed animals ranked close behind. One crate, part of the shipment delivered by Chester, Pa., American Legion Posts, contained 1500 new dolls.

One-third of the toys are accompanied by written notes from child donors, as requested by Commander Craig. It is estimated that two-thirds of the items are brand new, with the remainder in used but good condition.

The largest shipment to arrive intact

BIG GIFT OF TOYS WINDS UP NUTMEG TOT CAMPAIGN

A last minute gift of some 13,000 unassembled toy racing cars and aluminum airplanes, valued at about \$15,000, put the Connecticut Legion's "Tide of Toys" directors to a strenuous test. But with the help of National Guardsmen, Boy Scouts, and volunteer Legionnaire workers the whole lot was processed and came through on time.

The toys were contributed by Harold S. Coit, Bridgeport business man, on January 20, just at the deadline. Two Legion units Hayes Velhage Post, of West Hartford, and Rau-Locke Post of Hartford, took over the job of putting the toys together. A National Guard truck hauled the crates to Hayes Velhage Post rooms, arriving at 2 P. M. on January 22nd where more than 100 Legionnaires and Scouts were standing by. Working under direction of Commanders Harlan Reyecroft and David Northrup, the toys were not only assembled and crated but were sent off to Philadelphia the same day.

Later, Mr. Coit contributed an additional \$1,200 worth of toys to the drive. These were turned over to Commander Arnold Mayer, of Harry W. Congdon Post, and Mrs. Celia Maine, Commander of Woman's Post, both of Bridgeport, Connecticut.

brought 30,000 toys from Miami, Fla., where Harvey Seeds Post No. 29 of the Legion sponsored the TOT drive. Chester, Pa., turned in 22,000 toys. Other major contributions came from Kansas City, Mo., 21,000; Richmond, Va., 15,000; Toledo, Ohio, 15,000; Lower Merion, Pa., 12,000; Des Moines, Ia., 11,000.

California alone pledged 1 million contributions. Wisconsin Legionnaires reported that the total for the Badger state would be at least 250,000. Other estimates of incomplete returns by states included 50,000 each from Virginia and Georgia; 200,000 from Illinois; 40,000 from Oklahoma; 125,000 from Ohio.

Most of the shipments checked into the warehouse originated in small towns. Evidencing the extent to which communities across the nation pitched into the campaign were arrivals from such places as Ulysses, Neb., Chicopee, Ga., Loogootee, Ind., Strawberry Point, Ia., and Milford, Mass.

STORE GIVES GEORGIA'S YOUTH PROGRAM BIG BOOST

Fine support of the Legion's citizenship and youth training program was given in January by Rich's, largest department store in Atlanta, Georgia, when that big business establishment underwrote the expenses and tuition for a week at either the Boys' State or Girls' State. The prizes will go to the ten district winners in the 1950 High School Oratorical Contest, which guarantees to these winners further and advanced training in civil government and citizenship.

According to Department Commander George Hearn, the award is a landmark in the long record of varied Legion activities and youth training projects in Georgia. He pointed out that never before had a single stroke of the pen represented a double-barreled gift of this nature which contributes simultaneously to the success of two major projects.

OUTFIT REUNIONS

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390th AAA, AW, Sp. Bn. (WW2)—3rd annual reunion at Philadelphia, Pa., in August. Complete info. from Charles E. Skinner, 4416 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago 40, Ill.

U.S.S. Baltimore (CA 68)—Reunion of shipmates in Chicago, June, 1950. Write Bill W. Zormier, Box 626, Gary, Ind.

258th Engineers (C) Bn.—3rd annual reunion at Washington in March. Old timers contact Philip J. Gallagher, 402 Wood St., Burlington, N. J., for details.

1st Bn., 301st Infantry, 94th Division — 1st reunion at Kingston, N. Y., May, 1950. Write Lawrence A. Quilty, Leader Bldg., 78 John St., Kingston, N. Y., for complete details.

Battery A, 574th AAA (AW) Bn. — Reunion April 22-23, Raleigh Hotel, Washington, D. C. Write D. O. Ferrell, P. O. Box 447, Wilmington, N. C., for info.

U.S. Army Ambulance Service Association (USAACS)—Annual convention at LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, Ill., July 13-15. Details from H. G. Rossell, 550 Arlington Place, Chicago 14, or Charles R. Winkler, National Adjutant, 1727 S. Yewdall St., Uhladephia 43, Pa.

U.S.S. Leviathan Veterans Association—Annual reunion dinner of WW1 crew at Dunhall Restaurant, 40th St. and Broadway, New York City, Saturday evening, April 15. Send reservations to R. L. Hedlander, Box 22, Greenwich, Conn.

588th Signal Depot Co.—Reunion at Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, Md., August 11-13. Details from Dale A. Sweet, Chairman, 500 E. Kearney, Springfield, Mo.

Don't Knock Wrestling, BOOST IT

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Mr. Rocca to lift a 250-pound wrestler onto his shoulders for the necessary jiggling. On a recent night, for instance, at the Los Angeles Olympic Auditorium, Mr. Rocca wrestled Chief Little Wolf, the noted Indian wrestler, who comes into the ring wearing a blanket and a feathered war bonnet. Mr. Little Wolf is almost as wide as he is high. When it came time for the "backbreaker" it looked suspiciously as if Mr. Little Wolf obligingly climbed up on Mr. Rocca's shoulders in order to have his back broken.

At least, that's the way it looked on our television set. The small group of friends who watched the match with me on television had not, of course, paid a nickel to support Mr. Rocca or Mr. Little Wolf. Just the same, when Mr. Little Wolf tried to climb up on Mr. Rocca's shoulders my friends were almost beside themselves with glee. They slapped their knees and cried Oh ho ho ho ho ho. Here comes the backbreaker. Oh ho ho ho ho ho.

That is just the point.

The days are gone when the wrestlers had only to please the faithful, earnest, bloodletting kind of fan, most of whom sat ten rows back or farther. Today television moves everybody in town right down into the ring where you can almost touch and sometimes actually smell the wrestlers. From now on they are just going to have to smell better. With so many people watching from so close, better acting and better directing are two debts wrestling owes the public. Wrestling must recognize its new responsibility to the television set. The fact that they haven't paid a nickel to get in is of no importance. It's a matter of honor.

Let's sit down real close to the television and point out some of the things we can see today that were never visible from the peanut gallery. And let's try to be sincerely helpful.

First, there is the often clumsy manner in which one wrestling gentleman will help the other gentleman to secure his favorite and crowd-pleasing holds. We

need some routines which make the holds appear more unavoidable.

Let's pick on Mr. Rocca again, because his act is one of the best. In December he drew nearly 18,000 people into Madison Square Garden. Beautifully muscled and agile as a deer, he is one of the most pleasing real athletes to wrestle in this country in years. He jumps barefooted all over the other boys so fast they hardly know where he is or what to do about it. In action Mr. Rocca is a joy to behold, and I mean it.

One of Mr. Rocca's spectacular "moves" is to bounce across the ring, do a sudden handstand in front of his opponent, and bring him crashing down with a sort of upsidedown scissors. The basic idea is pure genius. But the trouble is that his opponent has to go over to the far corner and stand there, erect and patient, waiting for Mr. Rocca to bounce over and give him the business.

Now we all know that even many of Joe Louis' short jabs were ducked by his

WOMAN DRIVER

1



"All right now ... cut her hard ..."

2



"... That's it ... Cut her more this way ..."

3



"... Now come on back ... easy ... straighten her out ..."

4.



"... Okay ... straight back now ... easy ... slower ..."

5



"... Slower ... SLOWER!"

6



"You'll have to admit, it was the only mistake I made ..."

opponents. In spite of their terrible speed he often had difficulty landing one good one from two feet away. Since the public knows this, wrestling needs some clever way to freeze a man while he's blasted by a twenty foot run and a handspring.

Let's fix Mr. Rocca's victim in the corner *naturally*. How is not my problem. It's a matter for professional directors.

Another old trick in wrestling is to throw an opponent out of the ring and then, as he staggers around out on the apron, grab his head with a flying scissors and yank him back in.

When Mr. Rocca did this to Mr. Little Wolf in Los Angeles it didn't stand the close inspection of television. Mr. Little Wolf hasn't much neck, so he had to stand outside and stick his head in over the top rope as though he were looking for a collar button, to help Mr. Rocca perform this particular wonder. And remember, Mr. Rocca's performance is one of the best.

Another thing some of the boys should work on is more realism in the harrowing scenes where one chap tries piteously to reach the safety of the ropes while the other chap continues some sort of awful mayhem on him. From a fifty cent seat in the rear of the hall these tense struggles toward safety have often built up to a point where people have been known to faint. Thus the scene is fundamentally sound.

But through the cold eye of television you can see that when the poor fellow trying so desperately to reach the ropes gets within touching distance with his near hand, he often simply switches over and starts just as piteously reaching with his far hand in order to prolong the suspense.

How to get this effect honestly is a poser. I do not propose chopping off the near arm, but something has to be figured out. The effect is too good to abandon.

Sometimes the above act fails to get a rise from the audience. Then, in order to hurry on to the next page of the script, the guy with the terrible hold will often scoot obligingly along with the man in pain. In a recent match at the Los Angeles Olympic, Gino Garibaldi, lying on his back on the mat, got a terribly punishing hold on long-haired Baron Michele Leone. The Baron started for the ropes and Mr. Garibaldi obligingly assisted by hunching along as rapidly as possible on his heels and shoulder blades. They are going to have to stop that sort of thing, as they have voluntarily stopped various other stunts that aren't good any more.

For instance, the fine old gag of rubbing the other gentleman's nose along the top rope has been almost abandoned. The television cameras made it completely apparent that all the guy did was to run his own hand along the top rope, with his opponent's nose riding comfortably thereon.

Another thing that television has spoiled are the tremendous "smashes" to the jaw that have long been a feature of the game. For years the standard wrestling plot has followed a splendid formula that is as cut-and-dried as a pile of redwood shingles. One of the boys was always a young, apple-cheeked hero, and the other fellow was a dirty old villain. For about twenty-five minutes of a thirty-minute match the

dirty old villain would do all sorts of mean things. Then the hero would finally get just about *enough* of it. He would leap madly to his exhausted feet and floor the dirty old villain with a series of wild "smashes" to the jaw. As the crowd went wild.

Television brought out the interesting news that these terrific clouts usually consisted of the hero first placing one hand against the other gentleman's jaw, and then merely striking himself on his own hand with his other hand. Thus another grand old gag of wrestling is gradually biting the dust. Which is, in a way, a shame. Those smashes to the villain's jaw were really something if you were sufficiently far back. Some of the boys now use a glancing swipe on the chest just *under* the jaw. As long as the victim staggers properly this is an improvement. But on television we can see how it works.

Television sees far too much. Take the frightening night of December 2, 1949, at the teeming Ocean Park Arena, near Los Angeles. Baron Michele Leone was to take on both Mr. Bomber Kulkovich and Mr. Terry McGinnis! He would lick both of them, one at a time, in thirty minutes—for a \$500 side bet.

Now anyone with or without a television set will agree that with an assignment like that, and with that much dough riding on the result, the Baron would not want to waste any time. And the Bomber chap and his friend would be loath to give him much more help than the time of day.

Well, it was a lively match—but the television camera, as usual, disclosed discrepancies. The group of living-room kibitzers I was watching it with found the following items amusing:

1. Early in the match, the Baron had a frightful headlock on the Bomber, punishing him severely. Then the Baron's hold slipped a little. He let go completely in order to get a better hold, and during this short period of freedom Mr. Kulkovich made not the slightest move to get the hell away from there. He just dutifully let himself be re-headlocked. There is a blind wrestler on the Columbia University team who would have had the Baron down, given such a chance.

2. Later the Baron tripped the Bomber flat on his face, and then just stood there gazing out at the crowd till the Bomber could get himself together and pull him down with some sort of vile hold. Then the Baron writhed in mad agony.

3. A little later the Baron kicked Mr. Kulkovich out of the ring. When the referee's count got up to seven, the good Baron assaulted the referee to slow things up till Mr. Kulkovich had time to get back in.

4. The Baron finally downed Mr. Kulkovich in twenty minutes of his allotted thirty. Then, with ten minutes left to down Mr. McGinnis, he wasted a disturbing amount of time. With only two minutes to go, and \$500 riding on the result, he became thrown out of the ring, and wasted a good minute arguing with a ringside policeman, who for some reason didn't want the Baron to bring a large hunk of a torn-up seat back into the ring with him.

The Baron is an excitable man, but that is no way to spend your time when you've got only two minutes to make \$500.

Things like this shatter a man's belief that the thing is genuine.

Not that the Baron, Mr. Kulkovich and Mr. McGinnis didn't put on a lively tussle. They did indeed. It's just that the television camera is so clear-eyed that it cries "Ah, ha!" everytime the boys let down in their acting for so much as a second. A television set has not only Mr. Sherlock Holmes' magnifying glass, it also has his clear-eyed calmness. Sitting in a living-room with possibly three other people, you are caught up in none of the surge of mass excitement that makes the evening exciting in the wrestling hall. Under the relentless eye of television, the action simply has to be good.

Well, what is wrestling doing about it, and what are they apt to do about it in the future?

The matches, at least in the Los Angeles area, are already getting "straighter," and the method of television presentation is getting better. The Los Angeles Olympic, for instance, has lately hired Dick Lane to handle its television proceedings. Dick Lane is a personable and friendly movie actor, who has been closely associated with wrestling since back before the war. Now, on Wednesday nights, Mr. Lane does a stirring television description of the Olympic matches, and during the "half" just before the main event, he appears personally to the friends in television land, in immaculate collar and hand-painted tie, to tell interesting anecdotes about the performers, chat about this and that in a friendly come-down-and-see-us manner, and even sell the television audience various price-reduction specials, such as a card—this card right here in my hand—which they can write in for. Pleasant salesmen like Mr. Lane at the television mike are one of wrestling's answers to the problem.

Another innovation is a wonderful television gimmick they have lately devised at the Ocean Park Arena out at the beach. Here Steve Allen, Southern California's newest radio humorist and a very nimble-tongued lad, not only handles the mike during the matches, but, between the matches and occasionally following the main event, takes you via another television camera into the dressing room.

There you can see the wrestlers in their native haunts. You hear the wrestlers' fervent pre-game vows before they go into the ring. You see them sweaty and worn after the match is over. It is a wonderful gimmick, and, for the television audience, highly entertaining.

Before that Baron-Bomber-McGinnis match, for instance, you saw the gentlemen as they prepared to go into the ring, and you saw them after the thing was over. And here is where real acting ability comes in. In the dressing room interview after the thing was over, the Baron, a wild, long-haired Italian, was so genuinely upset over losing that he scared the announcer, the other folks down in the dressing room, and me, five miles away.

He started another wild-eyed fight with Messrs. Kulkovich and McGinnis, and it was so realistic that Mr. Allen, who is by

no means small himself, leaped up on a nearby bench, and cried, "Here, fellows! Watch the equipment! This goes into the home, fellows. Watch the equipment! . . ."

This scene in the dressing room was actually more violent, and more fun, than the prior festivities up in the ring. The wild-eyed Baron, at close range, was so fearsome that you began to think that maybe the match was genuine after all. Mr. Leone should be in the movies; in front of a camera he is really terrific.

Which brings up another oddity. Seeing these scenes in the Ocean Park dressing room makes you want to rush down the next Friday night and see the matches in person. But if you do go, and pay your money for a ticket, you won't see the dressing room fun, which is the thing that induced you to go. Television is indeed bringing up problems in the sporting world.

But Baron Michele Leone, in or out of the ring, is an example of another thing that wrestling is doing about the television problem. They are getting new, and better, actors.

An example is Mr. Antonino Rocca himself. He is a fine and legitimate athlete. He has his own and visible muscles. At any moment he can leap six feet in the air, and often does. I would personally, even with a definite script, as soon wrestle a full-grown octopus. No matter how phony his eventual "backbreaker" may be, there is nothing phony about Mr. Rocca personally. On the television screen or off, you get a tingle just watching him in action; as you do looking into Mr. Baron Leone's heated black eyes. As you do watching the newly lean and experienced, but still awesomely massive, Primo Carnera. You want no part of any of them in an alley, and that's what makes for real wrestling crowds.

Mr. Rocca is also evidence of wrestling's current effort to attract more ladies to the arenas.

Women in wrestling have always been a problem. Their ticket is as good as anybody else's. But they get so excited. Women have long been a real danger to Mr. Gorgeous George. George has suffered all manner of attack from lady spectators on leaving the ring. They have thrown everything imaginable at him. They have tried to set his hair on fire with cigarette lighters; a woman once threw an empty bottle at him, missing him but inflicting a nasty scalp wound on another lady spectator.

Just why women get so excited over wrestling is puzzling. They even get excited watching it on television. One evening a lady in our non-paying living-room group was getting quite upset, and the rest of us said, "What's the matter with you? Can't you see that they're just kidding?"

"Yes," she said, "I know it's phony. But you want to believe that some of it's genuine, or it isn't any fun. Kill the big bum!"

At this point her husband said, "You should see the woman next door. She really gets excited. She just gets up and fights!" That's the spirit. We all want to believe in wrestling, and we'll do our best to believe if wrestling will do its best to help us.

Today it is true that wrestling itself is trying to look more legitimate. This is of great interest even to the wrestlers themselves. Because they're the guys who are going to get hurt.

In Los Angeles recently there have been several remarkable instances of the announced wrestler being unable to appear as scheduled, and a last-minute substitution having to be made. This is unthinkable. No one has ever given a thought to a wrestler actually being injured at any time, and certainly not when he was supposed to appear somewhere and pick up a small hamper of money.

I will never forget an evening a couple of years ago at the Ocean Park Arena. One of the preliminary performers accidentally had his nose bloodied, and he was so surprised he hardly knew what to do. He waved his wounded proboscis around as though it were a Congressional Medal of Honor. Look at me, he cried in pantomime—I have a bloody nose!

He was astounded.

From the present look of things, wrestlers are not going to be astounded much longer by any such slight injury. The most difficult thing in all dramatics is to try to make any sort of phony battle look really genuine. Anybody who has ever staged them or appeared in them for the movies will testify to this. Now, as the harried wrestling promoters try to make the frivolity look more genuine for the television cameras somebody is highly apt to get hurt.

Not that wrestlers haven't got hurt in the past. They have, but it has always

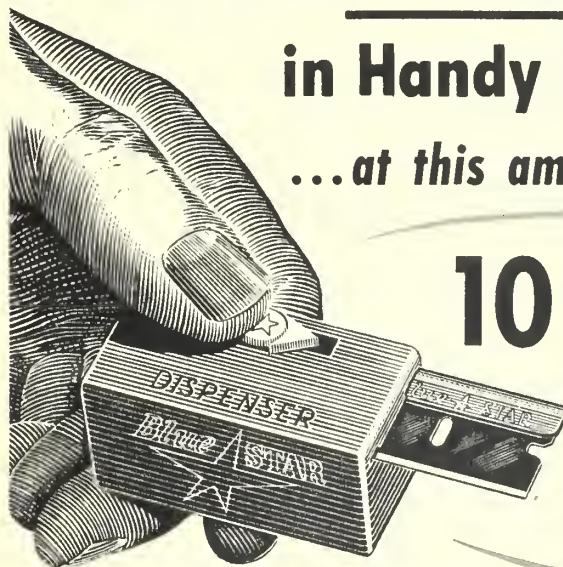
been an unexpected and regretted accident. Danny McShain once had his jaw broken in a match and ate through a straw for six weeks. It was while a broken leg healed that Gorgeous George thought up the act that was to make him wealthy and famous. Jules Strongbow, the well-known Indian wrestler, who is 6'6 and weighs 300, was thrown out of a ring a year or so ago, landed on his spine on the edge of a seat, and is just now getting fully recovered from the resulting paralysis.

But these things in the past were highly unusual accidents regretted by all. And there was no general run of small injuries. When did you ever see a wrestler with any sort of bandage on him? But you're starting to see small bandages on the performers now. Mostly covering small cuts received when, in their new effort to make the act look genuine, they forget themselves and actually ram each other's heads into something solid. Mr. Terry McGinnis and Mr. Bomber Kulkovich have been cut on eyebrow and forehead recently in this manner. And what a point the announcers make of it.

Mr. Tony Morelli recently had his inner lip cut slightly in one of those four-man "tag" affairs at Ocean Park. When you try to make those smashes to the jaw look genuine something has to give. In the dressing room interview afterward the television announcer, Steve Allen, and Mr. Morelli's partner, Brother Frank Jares, lavished interest and sympathy upon him as though he had possibly been beheaded. "What is it, a gum injury?" asked Mr. Allen, solicitously, for

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the television audience. "No," said Mr. Morelli, "it's on the lip — right here."

Messrs. Jares and Morelli are incidentally two wrestlers who are also most pleasing actors. They figure out their evil plans in whispered conference in the ring corner; they posture; they raise an admonishing finger when their opponents get too rough. With them you know it's phony, but you don't care. They play it strictly for laughs, and there is nothing wrong with a good laugh. But Mr. Morelli still got his lip cut.

And Lord Blears' "man," Capt. Leslie Holmes, got his nose bloodied a few evenings ago down at the Olympic. (I hate to keep mentioning the Olympic and Ocean Park, but those are the two wrestling theaters I happen to attend. In the Los Angeles area alone there is also wrestling available practically any hour of the day.)

But back to Lord Blears. He has long been another of the better actors. He comes into the ring in cape and monocle, several layers of colorful tunics, and Grecian shoes. He is almost as agile as Mr. Rocca. If the script calls for it, you can blow at Lord Blears, and he will hurl himself through the ropes so convincingly

that you will swear the other guy hit him. Mr. Blears is always introduced British style as weighing "... fifteen stone, ten pounds."

For effect, his second, Capt. Leslie Holmes, accompanies him into the ring attired in tuxedo, monocle and cane. For several years Capt. Holmes' only part in the proceedings has been just to appear. Well, the other night one of Lord Blears' uncouth opponents pulled foggy little Capt. Holmes into the ring and bloodied his nose.

That's the way things are going these days. They're even beginning to throw the referee around.

There is, in fact, only one thing that we should all devoutly wish. And that is that the impact of television won't go all the way, and really bring back honest wrestling. That would be a fate worse than death. We haven't had honest wrestling, outside of poorly attended colleges and AAU meets, for so long that we tend to forget just what it entailed.

For instance, let's take the first of William Muldoon's classic struggles with agile strong-man Clarence Whistler — in January of 1881 at the old Terrace Gar-

den in New York. They started at 8:45 in the evening, with a ten-minute rest scheduled at the end of each hour if there were no falls. Edward Van Every's wonderful old book, *Muldoon, The Solid Man of Sport*, says: "... At the 1 o'clock rest Whistler was apparently the fresher of the two by far." From one o'clock on — still no fall on either side — Muldoon spent most of the time on his hands and knees, with Whistler, his hair surreptitiously saturated with ammonia, boring away at a growing wound on Muldoon's back just below the neck. At four o'clock in the morning somebody finally turned out the gas lights in the hall as the only means of ending the mastodonic struggle. "... Everyone hurried down to the barroom. Muldoon and Whistler each protested that they did not want a drawn battle and that they were anxious and willing to finish the match under any conditions. There was some talk of hiring a private room and continuing to fight it out to a finish even if it took another seven hours. Finally the lights in the barroom went out, and then everybody went home."

How would like to have to undergo that on your television set? THE END

Pinball Pete

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beers, or forty cents for his twenty cent bar whiskey. He wasn't particular about brands so when someone asked for a favorite drink Red was liable to pour something from any handy bottle, and if the customer complained Red would say, so what, it was whiskey, wasn't it?

But no one ever accused Red of dishonesty; they just figured he wasn't too bright. Besides, he had been known to stand drinks for a good customer, and he was very unlucky at poker dice, so you could always get a drink out of him that way. He grumbled when he lost, but he'd play as long as anyone wanted him to. Furthermore, he really had a good heart, and he had even sympathized with Pete in his recent trouble. So all in all he was well liked, and the boys didn't like to see him get pushed around.

Pete must have been thinking about these things, and after a while he went over to Red and asked him, "Look, do you really want to get this machine out of here?"

"Sure, Pete," Red answered, "but then I don't want no slugs through my skull, neither."

"Okay," said Pete, "let's see what I can do about it."

He walked over to the machine. Everybody stood aside, and the guy who was playing quit to let Pete at it. The old hangdog expression was gone from Pete's face as he put in a nickel and studied the machine. He had become a man with a purpose.

It was hard at first. There probably wasn't another person in the world as good as Pete at pinball. He knew just when to pound the machine, and, more important, when not to pound it. He didn't get excited and bang away whenever the ball came near a bumper, but he could give a gentle tap or a hearty shove, whichever was necessary. He was

careful to push forward, almost never sideways. Most machines will tilt when pushed sideways, but you can usually push pretty hard forward.

Not this machine, though. The owners had apparently made sure that nobody was going to win too much. It practically tilted if you just breathed on it a little too strong. And the balls had hiccoughs an inch away from a bumper or a hole. If ever a machine looked magnetized, that one did.

Pete tilted on the first two games. He didn't tilt after that, but he lost the next three tries. Then he won two nickels, and on the next game, four. Then he dropped two more games, won four nickels, dropped a game, won five nickels, won six nickels, and then he was really rolling. He must have been twenty-five bucks ahead when finally the machine registered twelve nickels and only five came out. He was now only winning back his own nickels, so he quit.

Pete changed his nickels to bills, then told Red he'd be back when the machine was filled again.

"There must be more of these around," he remarked.

He pocketed his loot and left with a big crowd tagging along to watch the fun. Sure enough, every bar in town had the new games, even the swanky Gold Room in the Milldue hotel and the high class Blind Bat cocktail lounge, neither of which had ever had any coin machine before. All the bartenders or managers gave about the same story as Red, and none was any happier about what was going on than Red had been.

Naturally, Pete had time to play only about two or three machines, but he cleaned those out. And that was only the start. The next day he began promptly at two o'clock, opening time on Sunday, and played until closing time. He took off

work the next week, and by Wednesday he had played his way through the center of town and was working the roadhouses on the outskirts. On Thursday he went back and took twenty dollars more out of Red's machine. Then he went over some of the other machines he had emptied earlier, and then he went back to the roadhouses. On Saturday he was in Red's again.

Red told him how two guys had been in to collect the coins from the machine. They'd been burned up because their collections hadn't been as high as expected, and when they found only two dollars in Red's they boiled over. They asked Red how come, and he said there were some sharp pinball players in town, but that didn't satisfy them. When they left they said there had better be more the next time.

Pete said swell, then he bought drinks for the seven or eight people around and took out all the money the collectors had put in the machine. He had decided by that time that it was too much work to cover all the machines in the county and he would concentrate on fifteen or twenty in town. That way he could keep them empty all the time instead of leaving a few dollars for the mob in each.

Several days later Pete was in Red's place again, and he learned that the collectors had been in again and had been enraged to find only thirty-five cents in the machine. Pete told Red that it wouldn't be long before the mob got discouraged and pulled the machine out. Then he started to play.

About that time two strangers came in and sat down at the bar. Nobody paid any attention to them until they ordered expensive Scotch, rare in Red's. They were sharply dressed with tailored gray topcoats and snap brim fedoras, quite a contrast to the leather jackets and turtle-

neck sweaters around them. They seemed interested in watching Pete play pinball, and by the time he finished they were looking very peculiarly at each other. When Pete left one of the sharpies nodded to the other, and they left, too.

Jeff Marder, one of Pete's best friends, asked Red had he ever seen those two before. Red said no, but they had looked like hoods to him, so a few of the boys decided maybe they had better follow Pete. Pete often had a following anyway because a lot of times when he got a big haul he would treat any friends he had in the house, and, if it was a small crowd, sometimes for the whole house.

Well, when the fellows found Pete in Barney's tavern, there were the two hoods again. Both had nasty looks on their faces, but neither said anything the whole time Pete was cleaning out the machine. Then Pete drained it dry and went to the bar to get bills for the nickels and refresh himself with a beer. He saw Jeff and his friends sitting there, bought them all a drink, and left. The two hoods left right after him.

They stopped him in front of the alley around the corner and said they wanted to talk to him. Pete must have seen that something was up, because he said he was sorry, he was in a hurry. The mugs said they were sorry, too, but they had to talk to him, and wouldn't he step into the alley with them? Then they grabbed Pete and started to pull him into the alley.

Just then someone said just a minute, what did they want to talk to Pete about, and there were Jeff and three others who had followed right behind. These two guys had guns, all right, because they went for them, but they never got a chance to use them, or to do much of anything else because the boys hadn't yet forgotten what they had learned in service about street fighting.

When it was all over Jeff called the cops and had the sharpies hauled away, and Pete said thanks and bought everybody a drink. Then he went to the Blind Bat and cleaned out the machine there before going home.

By the next day word had gotten around that things were popping in Mashuga. Now the town isn't what you'd call a narrow, clannish town. I mean it's not the sort of place where strangers are made to feel they're not wanted, but it's small enough so that everybody knows everybody else, if only slightly, and nobody in Mashuga likes to hear that one of their own is being pushed around by an outsider, especially the kind of outsider that muscles in on honest business men and tries to pull guns on the local citizenry. So when Pete went out the next day he found that nobody else in town was playing the pinball machines, and he had very little to do.

By evening there wasn't a machine in town with more than thirty cents in it, and Pete was taking a well earned rest drinking beer at Red's with Jeff and four other friends. About seven o'clock another stranger came in. He was dressed like the first two had been, and everybody noticed him right away. He looked around and then signaled to somebody outside. Four more strangers came in and

sat down.

Red came over to where Pete and the boys were and set up beers for everybody.

"Them guys are part of the mob," he whispered. Then he hustled off to the men's room.

The boys could tell that he was excited because he didn't wait to collect for the beers. Jeff saw trouble coming and suggested they try to get out of there. They all thought that was a good idea, but they found the door blocked by three hoods. When they turned around there was the rest of the bunch standing with guns drawn.

"O.K." the one who had come in first announced, "everybody's staying here except that one." He pointed to Pete. "He's coming with us."

There was nothing anybody could do. They had to stand there and watch Pete being taken outside and driven off in a big black car, while four gunmen stayed to see that nobody set off an alarm.

Luckily, however, Bill Samson, one of the regulars at Red's and a friend of Pete's, was pulling up near Red's in his taxi when Pete was being taken away. He put in a call for help on his two-way radio and set out to follow the car with Pete in it.

He followed it to an old house ten miles from town and hid while Pete was taken inside. He had radioed his location to the cab office, and there was nothing he could do until help came. It didn't come soon enough. Bill heard a shot ring out, and then he saw the gangsters leaving. He went in and found Pete laid out on the floor and a lot of blood around. Pretty soon a cop car and an ambulance showed up and took Pete away.

In the meantime the gunmen in Red's had left, and Jeff and the boys ran to get help. At the police station they found out about Pete being picked up already, so they went over to the hospital to wait. Everybody thought poor old Pinball Pete was a dead duck for sure, and they were

plenty surprised when the ambulance arrived and Pete came out of it under his own power. It turned out that he had fainted, which was why he had been out cold when Bill found him.

"But we heard you were shot," Jeff exclaimed.

"Yah, I was shot, all right," Pete said, and he held up his bandaged right hand. "My pinball hand," he explained ruefully.

That got the boys hopping mad, and they called a council of war at Red's. Pete tried to calm the others down. He said it didn't matter if he was out of commission, nobody was playing the machines anyhow. But Jeff said no, he knew human nature, and if they didn't do something people would forget and start playing them again. Pete said he didn't want to see any more trouble or bloodshed, but nobody listened to him. Red threw his two cents in about how they ought to "throw de bums out," then he donated a keg of beer to the meeting. The boys polished off the beer and gave big cheers for Pete, for Red, and for good old Mashuga.

Then they went out armed with deer rifles, shotguns, war souvenir bayonets, axes, and hunting knives and smashed every pinball machine in town. To their surprise nobody showed up to try and stop them.

After that the town became sort of an armed camp. Jeff took over as leader and posted guards and arranged a system of alarms. People kept their kids home, and nobody went out unarmed or alone. For the rest of that night and most of the next day everybody expected at any minute to hear the rattle of a tommy gun or the blast of a bomb. But nobody expected what did happen next.

It was toward evening that a squad of cops from the sheriff's office showed up and arrested Pete and Jeff and two or three others for disturbing the peace, vandalism, and inciting to riot.

Mashuga was ordinarily a peaceful town, but that was going too far. By night-

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fall a big mob had gathered in front of the county jail. There was a lot of talk about crooked politicians and big city gangsters, and who did they think they were, and they couldn't do that to our boys. They started waving guns and torches and hollering that the boys had better be released, or else. The sheriff took a quick look and put in calls to the state police and the National Guard. It looked pretty serious for a while, but reinforcements arrived and broke up the mob before anything really happened.

But the excitement didn't die down. People started picketing the county jail and continued to demand that the boys be released. The Mashuga Sentinel put out special editions with big stories on Pete and the pinball scandals and calling for a clean-up, and other papers in the state picked up the story. Things reached such a pitch that the state's attorney's office became interested in the affair, and finally an investigation was called.

Well, that broke the whole thing up. Pete and Jeff and their friends were released. A tie-up among the sheriffs of

several counties and a big-time gambling syndicate was exposed, and all involved got stiff sentences. The papers played the story up big, and Pete was made out a courageous hero who stood up almost single handed against a mob of crooks and corrupt politicians. There was even some talk of making him sheriff, but he squelched that.

Well, that's the story, except that things were dull for Pete after the investigation. He couldn't go back to his job until his hand healed, and he couldn't play the pinball machines, the legal ones that had come back, either. He saw Rena again, and she said it was probably a noble thing he had done, but she thought it foolish to get in so much trouble and risk your life over some silly machines. But she would start seeing him again if he promised never to play another pinball machine.

Pete said gee, that was a lot to ask, would she mind if he only played once in a while? She said she had heard that story before, and she positively refused to play second fiddle to an idiotic pinball machine. Pete said well, he had played

an awful lot recently, and maybe he wouldn't mind giving it up.

The next day Pete got a letter from a pinball manufacturer in Chicago. The manufacturer had read in the papers about what Pete had done, and it was his machines the mob had replaced, and he was grateful to Pete. He said he thought Pete had great talent, and would Pete like a job with him as a tester and designer of new machines?

Pete asked Rena if she wanted to settle down in Chicago, and she was shocked. She asked would he get all that money just for playing pinball. He said yes, and she cried and said she didn't know what to say. Pete said okay, think it over, he was going, and when she made up her mind she could let him know.

The last I heard he had a wonderful job in Chicago and a big house in Highland Park. Their triplets are two and a half years old now. No problem at all during Rena's bridge parties. She just locks them up in the pinball room and they have a swell time tilting the machines without disturbing Rena's friends.

THE END

The First Year is the Hardest

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and the projects of the other two would have bankrupted our country. It was obvious that we could not go on year after year indefinitely, even on the current scale with expenditures for atomic bombs, ships, planes, guns, and tanks, and for the forces to man them without depressing our standard of living — by the diversion of funds toward arms which we should necessarily have spent for food, clothing, shelter, health, education, welfare and recreation.

The effect of heavy spending on armament on the economic system of our country is a matter of grave concern to us in the Department of Defense. There are many people outside our country, and a few within our own gates, who applaud whenever we spend large amounts of money for any purpose. They hope to see us spend ourselves into a depression. They are waiting for our economy to break down, and for the carcass of the so-called decadent democracy to fall prey to vultures.

Those prophets of doom are in for disappointment. We have calculated the possible risks to our economy of expenditures for military and naval needs, and have determined to stay within prudent limits without reducing the readiness of our country to face an emergency.

We are figuring on armed forces large enough to protect America from all foreseeable danger but yet, at the same time, not costing so much as to jeopardize our national solvency. That is a very delicate job. It calls for compromise and restraint by all services. It means adjustments and readjustments with the full knowledge that no service will get all that it honestly believes that it needs. It means adjustments and readjustments between the defense and the overall national budget in the complete realization that no taxpayer can get all the relief he feels he needs to keep himself solvent and still

risk some of his capital in new enterprise.

Here in a nutshell, then, was the brief for unification: greater efficiency in battle; more security in peace; and a stronger economy at all times under which to enjoy our blessings of peace, and with which to meet the demands of possible war.

The logic for unification appealed to the President and the Congress. In 1947 a unification law was enacted, and in 1949 it was further strengthened. Unification, therefore, is the law of the land. It demands the support of all the members of the armed forces who are sworn to obey the Constitution.

The same logic that appealed to our law makers, however, had a similar impact on the minds of our men in uniform. Today, they are going about their duties in a way that leaves no doubt as to the full success of unification. Of course, there has been some dissidence. There have been recriminations, too, and they may return to plague us again, but unification is now a fact and no one can dispute it.

Like other developments in the evolution of warfare, unification had to overcome certain mental handicaps. There was the same kind of resistance to change which must have bedeviled the crossbowmen when mobile artillery took the field, and the crews of the wind-jammer when steam propelled ships sailed into the sea, and the horse cavalymen of but ten years ago when mechanized warfare came into its own. The conservative who resists change is present in all trades and in all professions. In the services, however, most of our men have a way of adjusting themselves to changing conditions. I foresee the evolution of a whole generation of military and naval men, who, under unification, will find just as much honor for their service and glory for themselves as was achieved by the ex-cavalymen who became commanders

of armored forces during World War II. Among them was the late General Patton, who, after spending the best part of his life on horseback, developed into a sterling leader in mechanized warfare.

There was another handicap which might just as well be honestly faced. It was the handicap of tradition which is such a vital force to morale but which can sometimes be subverted into a narrow blindness toward higher values. I want every sailor, soldier, marine, and airman to be proud of his service and passionately devoted to its traditions, but he must realize he has a higher loyalty, a loyalty to the team of all the services, a loyalty to the good of the country which may transcend the good of any one of the services.

When I commanded a company of Infantry in the first World War, I often ran into captains who were so devoted to the welfare of their organization that they had difficulty in thinking in terms of the battalion or the regiment when their own interests appeared to be adversely affected. And there must be squadron commanders in the Air Force who have difficulty in placing the good of the group ahead of the loyalty to their own outfits, and also ship captains who think more in terms of their own craft and its own people than of the fleet as a whole. There are city mayors, and members of legislatures, too, who have trouble in recognizing the greater good of the state and of the nation when their local interests appear to be affected. These are all manifestations of the same kind of mind, a mind of limited horizon.

Fortunately for our country we have become great because our leaders have been able to project themselves forward to a higher plateau of judgment, reason, and understanding from which they could get a proper perspective and see the problem and find a solution in the interests

of the country as a whole. The question for the serviceman, therefore, is not limited to what is good for the Army, or the Navy, or the Marine Corps, or the Air Force. The question is: What is good for America?

Unification is good for America and with few exceptions is so recognized among all the armed forces. Under unification there are honorable roles for each of the three services. Let us examine them at closer range.

Suppose we are attacked at four o'clock tomorrow morning. What will the Army, Navy, or Air Force be called upon to do? Note I began that hypothesis that we are the ones to receive the attack. That hypothesis is correct.

For ourselves, we have no designs upon any other government or any other people. We cherish peace and we shall always cling to the hope that war can be averted, even under the most trying circumstances, and even at the risk of receiving a stunning blow at the opening of hostilities. That is our national philosophy. That deep, is our profound devotion to peace.

Since we shall always wait for the first attack, we must work out a strategy that will reduce the effectiveness of that first blow. We must be ready to parry the first sign of attack, and simultaneously be equally ready to launch a successful counter-attack of our own.

We shall make sure that no four-o'clock-in-the-morning attack will leave us prostrate at five. But we, likewise, must not delude ourselves that any four-o'clock-in-the-evening counterattack by us will completely knock out an enemy. We can cripple him, yes. We can make him pay dearly for every one of his sorties. We can destroy so many of his bombers on each of his raids that the rate of attrition will eat up his men and destroy his planes. But it would be too much to expect immediate surrender. It would be only the first inning!

Games have been won in a first inning and all good team managers do try to roll up a good score at every opportunity. But no good one among them bases his strategy on a first inning victory. Certainly that is not the concept of American strategy. We do not expect a quick and easy victory ourselves, and we certainly are going to make sure that it will not be a quick and easy victory—or any other kind of victory—for those who launch an attack against us.

Hence our first attack will be a counter-attack. That first counterattack will be an air job, a strategic job, and in it the primary role will belong to the United States Air Force. But while the Air Force carries the ball, the other two services will execute supporting and blocking assignments.

Since we do not dare hope for complete defeat of an enemy in that first exchange of bombing punts, we must be prepared to hold the line for a time, and most likely a long time—until our own backfield, the Army, is fully mobilized, equipped, trained and organized, ready to carry the ball into enemy territory, and reach the goal line of victory. There are vital and critical roles and missions

for all three services in the holding stage of the deadly game. It is during this period, while we are expanding our forces and mobilizing our industry, that the enemy would be most likely to unleash against us his full might. Too many enemies in the past have learned that once our troops are fully mobilized and our assembly lines of American industry completely geared to mass production of munitions of war, their fate is hopelessly sealed. It is therefore in this transition period, when our Armed Forces may be called upon to defend the territorial integrity not only of the American continent but of the United States itself, that our American people may have to show their greatest fortitude.

When the time comes that we are ready to change to the offensive and take up the ball ourselves, then the limelight will fall first on the Navy. It will be up to the United States Navy to carry our Army, and our Marines, too, safely across dangerous waters, perhaps submarine infested, defeat any hostile sea or air forces that might interfere with this vital mission and safely land our ground forces on foreign shores. And once the expedition is safe overseas, it will be the ground forces of the Army that will carry the ball while the Navy and the Air Force will assume the supporting and blocking jobs.

So you see our war plans are not predicated on single services, single weapons, or quick blitzes. They are designed to get the maximum advantage out of every phase of combat and to exploit any setback of the enemy as a possible opportunity for achieving victory. In these plans, you can see, there are honorable roles and missions for each of the services, and possible needs for greatest of sacrifices by all of them.

Unification, itself, has a useful and honorable role and can best be judged by what it already has accomplished. A complete recital of the achievement would go far beyond the pages of even a long article in *The American Legion Magazine*. Let me, therefore, touch upon a few.

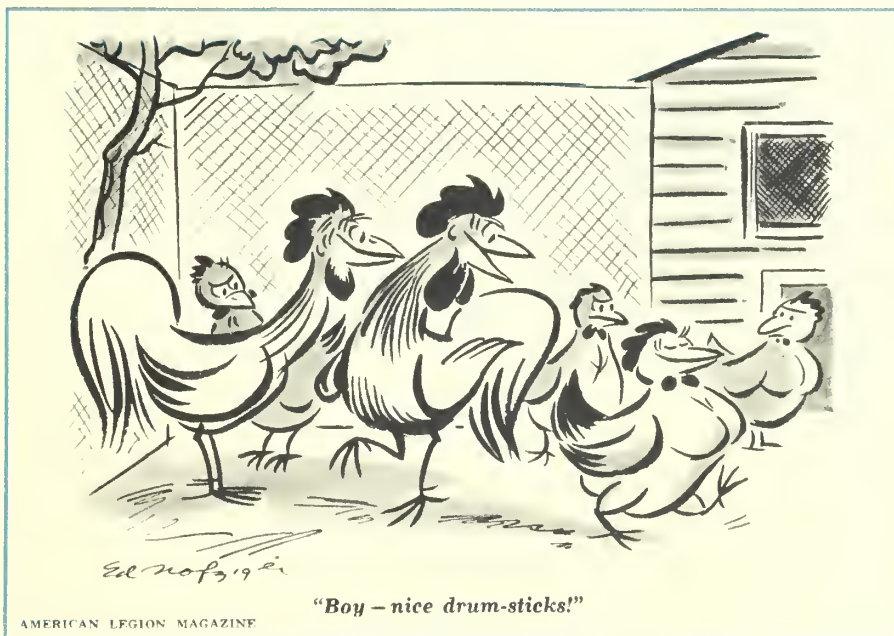
We have recently completed our budget for the year 1950-51. It calls for approximately thirteen billion dollars. A year ago it was fifteen billion dollars. Here is tremendous savings of two billion dollars achieved basically by savings on administrative operations rather than on combat capability.

This achievement has been made possible through the coordination and consolidation of many overlapping activities, the elimination of some of the waste, duplication, and competition among the three military services, and the teamwork of the leaders of the services themselves who sat down together and adjusted their estimates to meet the exacting demands of the team as a whole.

We have simplified our procedures. Our budget represents a coordinated integrated estimate of the needs of the Department of Defense as a whole. It recognizes the fact that there is not enough taxpayers' money available to give each of the three services everything that each of them feels that it may need. Since we cannot have everything we want, we figured out what we need most and trusted that our experiences and our knowledge of conditions all over the world have led us to the proper decisions. At best we are engaging in a calculated risk but the kind of risk that all prudent men must take when they must venture into the unknown.

It is a calculated risk that the President supports. Our Commander-in-Chief more than anyone recognizes that our democracy and our economy are indispensable assets to the promotion of happiness and prosperity in time of peace, and the successful conduct of victorious military operations in time of war. In this respect, at least, no other nation can match our strength, a strength that the President is determined to protect. Its protection demands reduction in the cost of government.

After considering the capabilities of our economy to bear the necessary costs of government, including national defense, it was the President's considered judgment that our budget could be reduced





By R. WILSON BROWN

March's Best Films



THE AMERICAN LEGION steals a few scenes in this Army-life comedy

WHEN WILLIE COMES MARCHING HOME (20th Century-Fox) with Dan Dailey, Corinne Calvet, Colleen Townsend, William Demarest and James Lydon.

John Ford is the man behind this fast and funny film of Army life which has a special appeal for the veteran. It's a good clean comedy.

The story is about Punxatawney's first boy to enlist—the eager beaver who wanted to get overseas with the first volunteers, the boy the mayor predicted would be the town's greatest hero. But, to his great dismay, the Army keeps him right in his own home town. People think he's gold-bricking.

Finally he makes a flying four-day trip to Europe. In that short time he hooks up with the French underground, discovers Germany's new rocket weapon, is whisked back to Washington where the Top Brass interview him on his find. After his triumph, he is sent to a hospital to rest, only to wind up in the psychopathic ward by mistake. He escapes and goes home to find people thinking he's a deserter. But when the President of the United States wants to see him, it's a different story.

For one of the few times in movie history, the American Legion is pictured as the town Post turns out to see the would-be hero off.

SUSPENSE

Stage Fright (Warner Bros.): It's an Alfred Hitchcock directed story of murder and romance based upon the novel, "Man Running." Filmed in England with a top cast including Jane Wyman, Marlene Dietrich and Michael Wilding. If you like suspense, you'll like this as it's above average.

Captain China (Pine-Thomas; Paramount): All action takes place aboard a ship with John Payne, Gail Russell and Jeffrey Lynn in a tough, action-filled film on the theme of the falsely accused chasing the accused. The suspense is in the outcome of the action rather than in the usual whodunit. Not one of the best.

Borderline (Universal-International): The screen seems to be going overboard on the theme of the federal man chasing down the smuggler. This time Fred MacMurray and Claire

Trevor are the federals after dope smugglers in Mexico. The pattern is the same as in previous pictures of this sort. Not very interesting.

COMEDY

Dear Wife (Paramount): This is a sequel to *Dear Ruth* with William Holden, Joan Caulfield and Edward Arnold engaging in family adventures which are both hilarious and human. Suitable for the entire family as good entertainment.

DRAMA

Adam and Evalyn (Rank): A British film with a British cast dealing with an orphan (Jean Simmons) who, because of a mixup, reforms a gambler (Stewart Granger). The action is slow but the story is fairly interesting. You won't get excited over it, but still you won't be disappointed.

from fifteen to thirteen billion dollars. His decision has our whole-hearted support. And I am confident the great majority of the American people are behind the President and the Department of Defense in striving for a sufficiency of defense within budgetary and economic capabilities.

We have established unified commands around the world. The Army, Navy, and Air Force are under an Army general in the Caribbean, an Air Force general in Alaska, and an admiral in the Pacific.

We have educated officers of the three services in combined courses at the National War College, the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, the Armed Forces Information School, and others. We are working on changes in the curriculum both at West Point and at Annapolis which will provide more uniform education in the service academies, and will stress the goals of unification. Every year West Point cadets and Annapolis midshipmen take training courses together. Every year we are holding joint maneuvers in which all three services take part. Air Force pilots are learning to land and take off from carriers, and Navy men are training in the handling of newest Air Force jets.

We have hired a group of preeminent civilian consultants in business management to show us how and where we can effect further economies and obtain increased efficiency in operations.

We have abolished a total of 210 committees and boards in the first nine months of my administration, and the job is not yet over. There are needs for both committees and boards in good business administration, but government by committee too often means an excuse for delay and lack of responsibility, while too many boards usually live up to their description by that Army wit who once said a board is something long, narrow, and wooden.

We are evaluating the weapons and the systems of attack and defense of the three services and bringing them into a cohesive whole.

We are determined to maintain a margin of superiority in development of weapons and equipment and have a Research and Development Board to integrate the efforts of all three services.

We are combining facilities and services wherever possible and taking advantage of specialized abilities and techniques developed in the respective services. The Army buys the food and the trucks for all. The Navy gets the coal and the oil. The Air Force obtains photographic material for itself and the Army and the Navy.

Progress of unification in the medical field has been most reassuring. We have set up uniform standards and programs to improve the services and to attract promising civilian doctors. We have arranged for more equitable distribution of medical personnel by transferring officers from the Army and Navy to the United States Air Force. We have closed some hospitals, reduced the scope of others, and in many cases have arranged for joint staffs when joint use of facilities was being made.

We have set up a Civilian Components Policy Board to develop overall policies and assign clearly defined missions for the National Guard and the Reserve and among all the Reserve components of the Army and Navy, including the Marine Corps and the Air Force.

In the field of air transportation we combined at a most opportune time the operations of the Air Transport Command of the United States Air Force and the Naval Air Transport Services. We set up the consolidated Military Air Transport Service under the Air Force Chief of Staff just before the needs for extensive

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operations had arisen. The success of the Berlin Airlift could never have been possible without the combined Military Air Transport Service.

Now we are effecting the same kind of consolidation in the field of sea transport where we have turned the job over to the Navy. We are turning over the responsibility for land transport to the Army.

Examples of unification in action abound in the every day activities of our armed forces. Here is one of the finest examples of the past year in mobilization for relief and aid to our own people — Operations Snowbound and Hayride which were greatly benefited by the experiences in Operation Vittles, or the Berlin Airlift.

Emergency conditions brought about by severe and prolonged storms last winter in the plains states and in the Utah-Nevada-Arizona area west of the Rockies resulted in a major coordinated operation in which the Army, Navy, and Air Force, including the National Guard and the Naval Reserve, took part to reopen communications and bring relief to suffering inhabitants. The military phase of the operation was coordinated with the operations of other Federal, state and local agencies. Effective help was also rendered by the American Red Cross and the Civil Air Patrol.

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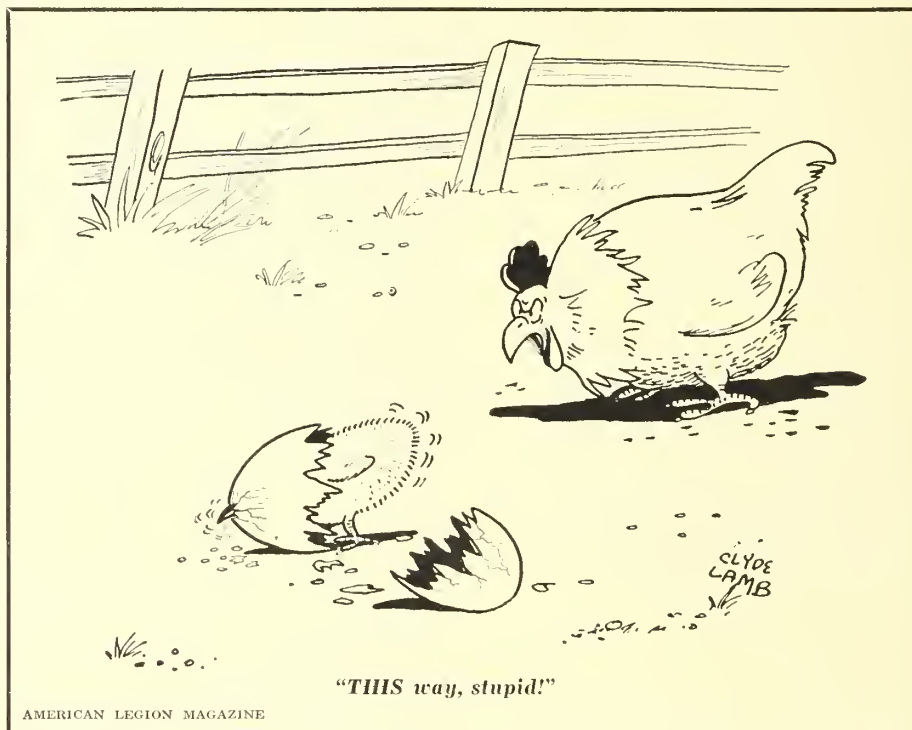
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charge of the joint operations of the three services. The ground phase was called Operation Snowbound; the air phase, Operation Hayride.

A field command post was set up in Omaha to direct and coordinate relief efforts and to monitor requests for aid. The Federal Works Administrator was represented at the command post to facilitate approval of operations. Navy and Air Force liaison officers enabled the headquarters to make the most effective use of cargo and scouting aircraft, thus tying in the air and ground operations. As conditions changed, equipment and

Altogether, direct relief was brought to over 200,000 people in the plains states and many thousands more, including Indian reservations, in the cattle-grazing areas in Arizona and west of the Rockies. Over 100,000 miles of roads were opened and an estimated 4,000,000 head of livestock were fed by air and ground operations. Over 5000 tons of baled hay were dropped from cargo planes to isolated herds, saving large numbers of stock which otherwise would have starved. In Arizona, 8000 Navajo Indians were given aid by air and by Navy weasels which hauled supplies on steel sleds over deep



personnel were shifted from one emergency area to another. Telephone and telegraph communications were repaired and augmented by radio and by light aircraft which executed liaison and search missions, making possible the most effective use of personnel and equipment. Trucks, half-tracks, weasels, snow sleds, snow plows, graders, radio equipment and personnel were provided by all three services.

The Air Force provided a total of 136 cargo aircraft and the Navy an additional 16 to drop food, forage and other supplies where timely aid could not be provided by ground transportation. Many search and rescue missions were flown in which the National Guard and Civil Air Patrol took an active part.

About one-third of the snow removal equipment was provided by the Army, Navy and Air Force; the balance was hired from civilian contractors. About 1650 pieces of major equipment and some 6000 men were used at the peak of activity. While these major ground operations were going on, the Air Force flew 1836 cargo missions and the Navy an additional 258 missions. Nearly a thousand additional search, rescue and scouting missions were flown of which the Civil Air Patrol is credited with 427.

snow. Nearly 1200 people were evacuated by air operations. To the benefits from these relief operations which have been broadly enumerated above should be added the more intangible items of valuable training to the armed forces in major joint relief operations, training the military in working under emergency conditions with civilian groups and agencies, and the development of a mutual respect on the part of the civilian and service personnel who worked together with a common purpose.

Perhaps these examples should suffice to prove that unification has come to America and has come to stay. It is here primarily because the men and the women in our armed forces, with very few exceptions, have proved themselves capable of broad vision and transcendent loyalty to the cause of defense as a whole. They are ready to carry out the mandates of the people as expressed by the Unification Act of Congress, approved by the President.

No man could have had a finer team to support him than I have had in the last year. If the first year was the hardest, we shall strive to make the second the most fruitful in a stronger defense and a sounder economy in money and men. **THE END**

How Do You Rate As A Parent?

(Continued from page 27)

- d. You would wait until the next day and quietly discuss with her that keeping late hours is unwise.
2. *Your son tells you he is confused about which career he should prepare for. As a parent you would say*
- a. "You've nothing to worry about, I'll find a job for you."
- b. "You've got to make up your own mind."
- c. "Maybe you ought to discuss this with a vocational counselor."
- d. "Suppose you read about different occupations."

In case you skipped over Editors' Corner in this issue let us repeat here that *one-third* of the mental patients in VA hospitals had no visit from friends or relatives in 1949.

3. *Your son or daughter tells you he is considering marrying a person of another faith. You would*

- a. Threaten to disown your child.
- b. You would graciously invite the betrothed to your home.
- c. You would advise against the marriage.
- d. You would discuss it with your child and urge him to consult a clergyman or marriage counselor.

4. *Your child, aged six, asks you where babies come from. You would*

- a. Answer his question truthfully but without details until questioned further.
- b. Tell him that the stork brings them.
- c. Tell him he'll find out when he grows up.
- d. Tell him all the details.

5. *Your child has disobeyed his mother who is about to punish him in a manner which you consider unduly severe. You would*

- a. Immediately overrule your wife and tell her to take it easy.
- b. Tell the child it serves him right and also punish him.
- c. Wait until your child has gone and discuss it with your wife.
- d. You would scold the child but overrule your wife's punishment.

6. *You have unexpectedly lost your job. You would*

- a. Tell your children that there has been a change of your activities but that there is nothing to worry about.
- b. Immediately stop their allowance without explanation.
- c. Inform them that you are considering another job and that the entire family must reduce its expenses.
- d. Explain the entire situation and make them realize that it is a very serious matter.

7. *Your young son has developed the habit of reading comic books. You would*

- a. Absolutely forbid him to read them.
- b. Let him read them until he got tired of them.



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As Doc went to work he told me that he's glad to have Gabby come up and read magazines. They might not all be new ones, but if Gabby, or anyone, wants to while away some time who is he to stand in their way?

From where I sit, this "live and let live" spirit helps make America what it is. If I prefer a friendly glass of beer with my supper and you happen to prefer milk—who's to say one's right and the other wrong?

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- c. Try to provide him with comic books of an approved character.
- d. Tell him that cheap comics are bad literature and a waste of money.

8. Your young child has made stirring comments on a member of a minority group (Jew, Catholic, Negro). You would

- a. Tell him that you agree and that they are all alike.
- b. Reprove him, pointing out it is un-



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fair to blame an entire group for the sins of some.

- c. Ignore the comment.
- d. Scold him and merely tell him it's wrong to call people names.

9. If your child consistently prefers to be alone and has no friends, you would

- a. Let him or her alone because he or she is keeping out of trouble.
- b. You would tell your child that he must go out and make friends.
- c. You would ask him why he doesn't make friends.
- d. You would consult a psychologist or psychiatrist.

10. Neighbors, or friends, have told you that your daughter's behavior with boys is morally questionable. You would

- a. Tell the neighbors to mind their own business and not even bring it to the attention of your daughter.
- b. You would thank your neighbors and raise a scene with your daughter.
- c. You would not discuss it with your daughter unless you had proof.
- d. You would discuss the rumors with your daughter without blaming her and jointly plan on a course of action.

11. When your child has to take a test he worries constantly, becomes panicky, and as a result, often does poorly. You would

- a. Just let him get over it alone.
- b. You would review the material with him and try to reassure him.
- c. You would chide him and tell him not to be afraid.
- d. You would ask the teacher to excuse him because he is nervous.

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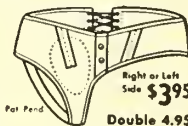
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12. *You have company visiting you and they have asked your young daughter to recite for them but she refuses. You would*

- a. Scold your daughter for her bad manners.
- b. Coax her, offering her a reward.
- c. Excuse her action without hurting your daughter's feelings.
- d. Force her to recite and send her to bed if she refuses.

13. *You support your family very comfortably. Your son does average work in his studies and wants to work after school to save up money for a trip. You would say*

- a. "You don't have to work, I can give you anything you need."
- b. "That's fine son; it will make you appreciate the value of money."
- c. "I like what you're trying to do but I'd rather that first you raise your marks, then if it doesn't interfere with your studies, you could try a part time job."
- d. "I don't think you ought to take the job of another boy who may really need the money."

14. *Your oldest child often gets into quarrels with his younger brother. You would*

- a. Always try to show the same amount of interest and affection to each child.
- b. Tell him he should be ashamed of himself to be fighting with his younger brother.
- c. Tell the younger one to have respect for the older one.
- d. Speak to both of them together and say that as brothers they should love each other.

15. *Your son is applying for a summer camp job and is a year younger than the minimum age required. He asks you whether he should misrepresent his age, since the job may depend upon it. You would*

- a. Tell him the decision is up to him.
- b. State that even if he gets the job he'll find that in the long run it pays to tell the truth.
- c. Say that it is a sin to tell a lie.
- d. Inform him that you can't get anywhere without lying.

16. *If your child objected to attending Sunday School, you would*

- a. Permit him to be absent.
- b. Bribe him to go.
- c. Insist that he attend and discuss his objections.
- d. Cultivate an atmosphere of reverence and yourself attend Services, or Sunday School.

17. *Your daughter, aged 14, tells you all the girls in her class use lipstick. If she'd ask your permission, you would*

- a. Grant it, but suggest that she use it with moderation.
- b. Tell her that when you were her age you didn't use lipstick.
- c. Inform her that she's attractive without using cosmetics.
- d. Tell her to ignore the other girls and be different.

18. *Your child often overdraws his allowance and now asks you for additional money for what he calls "something important." You would*

- a. Give it to him without questions.
- b. Give him the money only if he

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- c. Tell him you're sorry but that he must keep within his allowance.
- d. Give him the money and tell him it's the last time that you'll do it.

19. Your child brings home a report card showing that he has failed several subjects. You would

- a. Discuss it with him and his teachers, uncover the reason and help him correct the situation.
- b. Tell him he must be stupid.
- c. Thrash him so that he would pay more attention to his studies.
- d. Deprive him of valued privileges until his work improves.

20. Your son is suspended from school because he was in a fight with a classmate. He blames the other person. You would

- a. Accept his story and demand his

he'd improve with time.

- b. Tell him that it is his room and his responsibility to keep it tidy, but you would do nothing.
- c. You would tidy it up, but constantly scold him.
- d. Whenever he left his room untidy you would deprive him of some privilege.

23. Your young child often seems to want you to embrace and kiss him. You would

- a. Not encourage this, but say nothing.
- b. Tell him to let you alone and stop being a baby.
- c. You would hug him but make him feel that it's silly.
- d. Give him frequent demonstrations of your love and often reassure him.



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- b. You would whip your son, telling him he was probably at fault.
- c. You would suspend judgment until you learned both sides of the story.
- d. You would discuss the seriousness of the situation with him, exact a promise of good behavior and seek to have him reinstated.

21. There are some necessary chores to be done about the house which your son or daughter refuses to do. You would

- a. Explain to him that everyone in the house has certain responsibilities and you would deprive him of valued privileges if he persisted.
- b. Pay him for doing it.
- c. You would yell at him and if he failed to comply, thrash him to do it.
- d. Do it yourself to avoid trouble.

22. Your son has gotten into the habit of keeping his room and things very untidy. You would

- a. Ignore it and clean it up, hoping

24. Your wife has made a stinging remark to you in the presence of the children. You would

- a. Have it out with her right there.
- b. Ignore it altogether but discuss it with her privately.
- c. You would excuse it in the presence of the children saying that sometimes we say things we may not mean.
- d. Immediately leave the table and bang the door after you, but say nothing.

25. If your young child said or did something which provoked you greatly, you would

- a. Tell him that you hate him.
- b. Refuse to talk to him until he made amends.
- c. You would punish him immediately but make him feel it's his act, not he, of which you really disapprove.
- d. Punish him much later after the whole incident was forgotten.

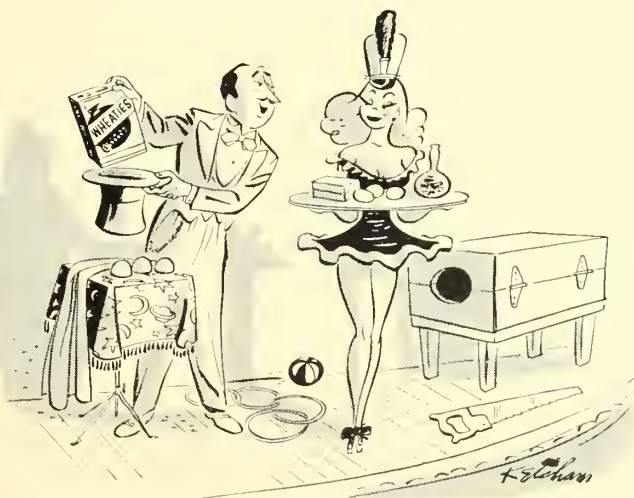
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SMITHY ON WHEELS

Longfellow's village smithy stood "under a spreading chestnut tree," but twenty-eight-year-old Army veteran Ray L. Schnaare has mounted his on wheels and become the traveling blacksmith of Southern Illinois.

When Ray returned to the little town of Campbell Hill, Ill., after the war he wasn't even on speaking terms with a forge. But an unused blacksmith shop was included in an implement business his father-in-law had bought, and one day the local brick plant needed two mules shod. "I'd never seen a mule shod in my life," Ray says, "but my father-in-law at least knew how it was supposed to be done, and somehow we managed." His interest whetted, he began calling on shoers, absorbing ideas. Soon he was spending most of his spare time shoeing. He wanted to make it full-time, but there was one hitch — not enough customers in Campbell Hill!

Ray recalled the giant Army maintenance trucks and suddenly he asked himself: if a garage can travel, why not a blacksmith shop? So he mounted his forge on a trailer and went out to meet the customers. They increased encouragingly, but the trailer proved unwieldy in barnlots and on country roads. After a year he switched to a panel truck and that proved to be the answer.

Working within a 50-mile radius of his home, Ray has special days of the week to make certain towns. Other days he is available for calls and goes to whatever farm nearby horse owners have agreed to bring their animals. He averages \$15 a day, and figures it costs \$75 a month to operate.

A systematic craftsman, he has everything arranged so no time is lost setting up shop. Half-completed shoes of all sizes hang from racks on the inside truck walls. An anvil mounted on a bench, hoof-trimming implements, stove pipe, cutting tools, rasp, hammer, etc., fit into their respective places. And the forge itself — which can be either electrically or hand operated — is mounted on two metal tracks which unfold to let it slide to the rear of the truck. The job over, they fold neatly back inside.

Ray has designed and built every inch of the portable smithy — displaying the same resourcefulness that helped him learn the trade itself without apprenticeship — and his truck with the friendly lettering, "Horseshoeing At Your Farm," is a welcome sight in half a dozen counties.

— BY ANNE WEST



HE DREAMED UP A FORTUNE

Russell L. Stoecker of Put-in-Bay, Ohio, has always been a tinkerer, but it took a dream to put his hobby in the pay-off bracket. Stoecker, a technical sergeant stationed at the Marine Air Station, El Toro, Calif., dreamed of a combination safety can opener, dispenser and pitcher for canned milk. When he awoke, he quickly drew rough plans for the dispenser.

The new dispenser opens at the bottom, an unopened can of condensed milk is inserted, pushed home and the bottom replaced. A pair of tubular knives open the container when it is inserted in the attractive aluminum shell. Rubber seals protect openings from dirt while a slide arrangement allows easy pouring.

To date Stoecker has about \$1,000 invested in his invention, most of which went for patent searches, and to have the item itself patented. However, it will begin paying off soon for the marine. He recently signed a contract with the Gadget-of-the-Month Club which calls for the manufacture, distribution and sale of several hundred thousand of the unique pitchers within the next twelve months. Stoecker will collect a five percent royalty.

The manner in which he promoted the item was a surprise even to himself.

He was in Los Angeles on business concerning the invention when a friend suggested that he take it to the Gadget-of-the-Month Club. He did so and the officials of the organization, which takes a new invention each month, promotes it and then puts it on nation-wide sale, were much impressed. However, they wanted to verify their own impression.

Stoecker and the invention were bundled off to Hollywood where they appeared on a show titled "Gadget Jury," where a jury of experts decides whether the items presented have merit or not. Stoecker's invention received a 100 percent rating and the gadget club immediately drew up a contract.

Meantime, several canned milk firms had heard of the invention as a result of the television appearance and one made him an offer of "not less than \$75,000" for all rights. The sergeant, who has ten years' service behind him, however, feels that the royalty deal made with the gadget marketing organization will be more profitable. The invention is to be manufactured by them for a period of 17 years, the life of the original patent. It is planned that the article will be on the market within a few months and will retail for about one dollar.

— BY JACK LEWIS

How To Pick A Dame

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resta her looks. It is important that her looks and her face match. The flush on her cheeks ain't always the blush of original sin, and the Cupid's bows on her lips may not be the same as what she puckers. If you ain't no camouflage expert, then ast yourself this: "Is she the type I'd like to be in the dark with — but does the same hold true in the light?" Consider, what kind of eyes has she got? if they match and ain't crost, they're worth looking into, I always say. Is she too fat? Or don't you know the difference between a tub and a squab that is pleasantly plump.

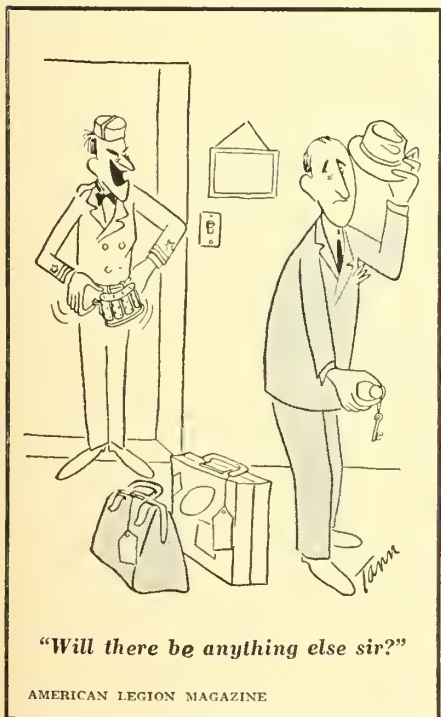
Is she the type you can brandy words with when you ain't doing nothing else? Making pitter-chatter about books, the theayter, culture and all that junk can be very refreshing, as a novelty.

Another thing you can't be too careful about is the dame's family. Are they the type you'd like to have for neighbors? Remember, you'll be living with them for a long time. Be smart and look them over carefully while they are still out-laws. It's too late after they are your in-laws.

Look for a dame who believes that kisses are the language of love and likes to sit down and talk it over. Don't fringe with fright because your cronies tell you she's got a negative personality — lots of negatives can be developed in a dark room.

Well, that's about all I can inform you with about dames. From here on, the rest is up to you. But leave me leave you with one final bon mot: Before you plights your troth at her feet, be sure you and the dame are true spiritis akimbo. You should be as close to her as Sears is to Roebuck. Only then will the twain stay asunder, and you can trod with confidence the path leadin' to romance and ruein'.

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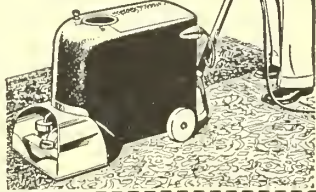
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WELL, you may ask, can't you just have the sponsors send you something in cash instead of prizes that you may not want to keep? It isn't that easy, usually. On big radio giveaway shows, for example, the prizes are arranged by special service. The major one in this business is V.I.P. (Very Important Persons) in New York. Mr. William J. Murphy, head of this novel organization, reports he raises about \$2,000,000 worth of prizes for major radio shows each year. V.I.P. scouts up the prizes, donated free by the manufacturers, hotels, or even, lately, by a South American government. The sponsors get advertising, the giveaway shows get the prizes for nothing. V.I.P. is paid by the radio stations or networks.

When a winner pulls down the prizes, it's V.I.P.'s job to see that they are all delivered. If winners want to sell the prizes, that's up to the winner. Often they ask Mr. Murphy whether he wants to buy, "but we don't. They sometimes ask us about the taxes, and we advise them to go to their local Bureau of Internal Revenue."

Mr. Murphy has his own special headache, of trying to think up new prizes that might be given, and then persuading some company or store to do it. The hard part is finding unusual, interesting prizes to add to the jackpots.

No one has any easy, sure advice to offer a prospective winner. As one winner remarks, "Each case has a different legal angle, and a great deal depends on how the prize is won and what happens afterward."

Consider the case of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Birnbaum of New York who won a \$15,000, six-room "dream house" on a 50-cent raffle ticket. To keep it, they had to raise a big chunk of money for taxes. To disassemble, move, and rebuild it they had to raise more, and then still more to buy a lot to put it on. Then they discovered they were liable for the \$50 a day rent being charged for the parking lot in midtown New York on which the house was sitting.

They finally sold the house to a man for something under \$1,500, and had to pay taxes on the money they realized. That left them something toward a down payment on a house similar to the one they thought they could keep.

WHICH points up the question of whether you can afford to hit the jackpot in a big contest. After I talked to these other winners I decided to see for myself what would happen if I were the lucky winner. So I won a big jackpot. In my imagination, that is. I had the answer—someone coached me—when the network called to ask who was the mystery man on "Guess the Melody." The nice part about winning was that I could invent the prizes I'd like. I invented a sleek Cadillac, a mink coat for my wife, a vacation trip for two to Bermuda, maid service for a year, a couple of diamond wrist watches, a deep freeze big enough to hold a Kodiak bear, a \$1,000 wardrobe, a Paisley shawl, and a raft of other things.

They all figured up to \$25,000, in retail value. Very nice. But then my troubles started.

Uncle Sam has this little rule about winnings in contests being taxable. So I hid over to see Collector of Internal Revenue James W. Johnson. A little calculation, and it turned out I would have to pay out about \$6,250 in income tax in order to keep all my prizes. In CASH.



"Remember when we were first married—you wanted four and I wanted six."

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And as a resident of New York State, I would also owe a smaller bill to the tax department in Albany, also payable by check or money order.

IN A situation like this, you don't have to be especially quick-witted to figure that something must go on the block to raise the cash. I have some 30 prizes, so this doesn't appear like too much of a pickle.

Already having a car, of sorts, I debate turning in the Cadillac for coin of the realm. The dealer says it's worth \$3200, with accessories. He offers to take it off my hands for \$2800. A neighbor offers me

to \$1250 taxes, plus state taxes. The coat could be sold (by any brave heartless male) and the cash used to help write the tax checks. What the company donating it offers me for it could well be the acceptable tax value in Uncle Sam's eyes. I could run into an argument if I sold it to a friend for \$2500. I might not have any argument, though, if I sold it for \$900 in a hot climate where nobody much wanted such a coat, and that was really a good price.

IN SELLING such prizes for much less than their advertised value, you can be questioned on your income tax return as to whether the sale is an "arms length" transaction. That's a legal phrase meaning whether there was some connivance or being-in-cahoots deal to knock down the apparent value of the article.

Someone suggests I should get a lawyer to assist in all this. He charges a fee, but I now come by some encouraging intelligence. If his fee is \$200, or \$500, I can deduct that from the total amount I must pay taxes on. He doesn't actually cost me as much as he charges!

The deep freeze, a beauty worth \$600 in the store, is too big for my home. For a while I store it and some other articles in a storeroom. That, too, is a deductible expense in figuring out my net taxable income.

The Paisley shawl meanwhile is draped over the couch in my living room. It doesn't suit anyone in my house, so I give it to my maiden aunt as a birthday present. It retails for \$35. To give it to her, I must cough up at least \$7 in tax payment, the same as if I had kept it.

The maid appears and starts to work for a year. But I have to pay taxes on the value received from that service. That has to be figured on the going rates for a maid, and what she does, in my community. And I would have to set up some or all her meals, which would hike my food budget, especially if she had a hefty appetite.

TUMBLING in as another prize are 8000 cans of soups, vegetables and canned meats. Retail value is \$2000. I must pay out \$400 to \$500 to keep it all. If I sell them, I'm liable for taxes on the highest prices I could get.

A thought occurs. Why not give this food to an orphanage? But I still must pay taxes on \$2000 worth of value received. I can deduct \$2000 as a charitable contribution, and cancel it out. But now the rub is that my contributions to charity mustn't exceed 15 percent of my adjusted gross income. And \$2000 would take it far over that limit, so it would cost me money to give the food away. One way out is not to accept this prize at all, but to tell the sponsor that maybe the orphanage would like to have it.

Enough of my invented problems. This is not a beef against income taxes, or anything of the sort. Nor is it any argument for or against radio giveaways, now facing a ban by the FCC, or for or against any kinds of raffles or contests. It's just a yarn about what might happen to you if you collect on any kind of prize, large or small.

THE END



"Kissing! Kissing! Kissing! Wouldn't be surprised if he sells his horse one of these days."

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\$2000, while reminding me of how he fixed my plumbing and helped paint the basement one Saturday.

If I keep the car, I'm liable for taxes on \$3200. If I sell to the dealer for \$2800, I get that amount, but have to pay taxes (20 to 25 percent or more) on that amount. If I sell to my neighbor, I get only \$2000, still taxable, but can be questioned about taxes really being due on about \$2800. The whole rub on this question is what the fair market value of the car really is. That could boil down to what's the most I could get by selling it, or what I'd have to pay if I had started out to buy it.

My brother might like the car. But if I give it to him as a present, I'd have to pay taxes due on the \$3200 or \$2800 of value.

To escape this problem temporarily, I consider going on the trip to Bermuda while I think it over. This is a swanky, \$500 all-expense tour, by boat, the best hotels, food, etc. If I go, I have to pay income taxes on \$500 worth of value received. And did you ever hear of a woman, or a man, who didn't have to buy some new clothes to be dressed for such an occasion? If I sell the trip to someone else, for \$200 or \$300, I have to pay taxes on that amount.

Back so quick from this aborted vacation, there's the matter of the mink coat. If my wife keeps it, I must shell out \$1000

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Who's Hysterical?

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by the courts. Reds caught red-handed have shown acrobatic agility in crawling through loopholes in the laws and exploiting Constitutional guarantees.

Except for an incident in Peekskill, New York — where communists went out of their way to provoke trouble — there has been neither violence nor incitement to violence. The teeming organizations officially identified by the Department of Justice as "subversive" are doing a brisk business at the old stand, with the open help of prominent divines, artists, educators, even businessmen.

The communist party remains legal. Its followers freely hurl unsavory epithets like fascist and nazi at anyone who dares annoy them, but libel laws have been twisted to punish anyone who refers to a communist or fellow-trotter by name. Literally thousands of teachers with long records of communist collaboration continue to mold the minds of our children, meanwhile presiding over anti-American "peace" meetings and signing Moscow-made manifestos.

Against this background of patience and legality, it is fantastic to find the New York Times referring casually in an editorial on June 19th last to "the prevailing anti-communist hysteria in this country." It is shocking that the President's Committee on Civil Rights should allude offhandedly to "a state of near-hysteria" menacing "the freedom of genuine democrats." Are the gentlemen who signed that report aware that much of its writing was done by an underling of decidedly leftist bias?

For wild accusations and falsehoods on this whole question, alas, we can go to men like Raymond Fosdick, until recently head of the Rockefeller Foundation. In his simplicity he complains that you open yourself to the charge of communism "if you favor fair-employment practices or are concerned about civil

liberties, if you fight for the protection of the foreign-born, if you oppose religious prejudice or Jim Crowism..." Surely he must know that thousands of Americans champion such causes and are applauded for their courage; that only the dupes who join communist false-front groups *pretending to promote good causes* are sometimes embarrassed.

We find Chancellor Robert M. Hutchins of the University of Chicago asserting, as if it were a fact, that the American slo-gans today are: "Down with criticism; down with protests; down with unpopular opinions." The average American, not confined to ivory towers, knows this to be a falsehood. Questioned at a legislative hearing, the Chancellor proudly attested that he did not know whether communists are a fifth column — that he was "uninstructed" on the subject. Which obviously makes him an expert on the issue. It is apparently on the basis of his educated ignorance that he paints the ludicrously distorted picture of the nation's state of mind.

The American Civil Liberties Union issues its annual report for 1948-49 under the grim title "In the Shadow of Fear." An innocent bystander might assume that the reference is to the shadows cast by communist actions, here and the world over, deliberately set in motion to annihilate civil liberties. But nothing of the kind. This very august body refers to the shadows cast on its sensitive soul by "the excessive and jittery concentration on the communist danger, so little justified by any activities at home..."

A professor worried by threats to the free mind, Howard Mumford Jones, compiles a *Primer of Intellectual Freedom*, which is duly published by Harvard University. Knowing how the totalitarians have expunged free inquiry from the Elbe to the Pacific, how they are plotting to extend their empire of darkness to his own

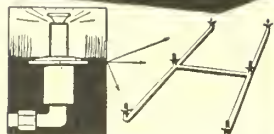


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tivities are involved that these amazing "liberals" become worried sick over the fate of our freedoms and Bill of Rights.

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The lowdown truth is that the American people are more indifferent than hysterical. Let's look at a few facts:

Rarely in history has a great nation been subjected to so many insults, humiliations and kicks in the shins as the U.S.A. in the last few years. Our citizens, including diplomatic officials, are arrested and held incommunicado in communist dungeons. Our easygoing hospitality is abused by hundreds of Red guests. In the pro-Soviet press, on the radio, at international gatherings, the Kremlin mudgunners are plastering Uncle Sam with the kind of filthy accusations no self-respecting Honduras or Luxembourg would tolerate.

Yet the American people have remained remarkably meek, long-suffering and tolerant under the barrage. Even when we had a monopoly of the atom bomb, the suggestions for a "preventive war" were rare and always fell flat. Now Webster defines non-medical hysteria as "any outbreak of wild emotionalism." I submit that there have been no such outbreaks, wild or mild, despite the endless provocations to which our country has been subjected day after day. Red diplomats, ironically, feel a lot safer here than at home.

In the course of the recent trial of Alger Hiss, a number of State Department memoranda (by Adolph Berle, Jr. and Raymond Murphy) were put into evidence. They gave a shocking picture of government departments crawling with spies and agents of the reds, some of them in top-shelf spots. One would suppose that the press, simply for its news value, would publish those privileged documents in full; that our people would be horrified and roused to action.

Actually not one paper, to my knowledge, gave the disclosure more than a few routine paragraphs. From the general

indifference one might suppose that the presence of Americans in Soviet livery in our policy-making departments was a perfectly natural and legitimate phenomenon!

At the same trial a young man named Julian Wadleigh told calmly, how as a State Department official he had removed from 400 to 500 documents for micro-filming and transmission to Moscow by Soviet spies. Who really cared? How many editorial writers or radio commentators expressed a sense of shock?

Surely the bored shrug with which such fantastic goings-on are accepted by public opinion bespeaks a tragic apathy. Surely those who in the light of such facts profess to be horrified by loyalty checks and stepped-up vigilance are either fools or knaves or both. If anything is clear beyond doubt it is that we Americans accept the piled-up proofs of Kremlin interference in our domestic life with incredible forbearance.

No one doubts that inquiries such as those conducted by the House Committee on Un-American Activities are fully within the powers and duties of Congress. Despite terrific pressures from a hundred directions, including the White House, Congress has repeatedly upheld the committee almost unanimously; so have the courts in a few test cases. Most of our new and belated knowledge of the communist fifth column and its techniques we owe to this committee. The all too few prosecutions undertaken as a result of its labors have dealt in every instance with real crimes and real evidence, not with "red herrings."

Yet the committee has been the target of outrageous abuse and misrepresentation. It has been denied access to pertinent documents by the President and the Department of Justice. Hysterical groups—in every case reds, not anti-reds, be it noted—have staged riotous scenes at its hearings. Its authority has been flouted as a matter of course by known and suspected Communists.

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But all those who did the flouting are still at liberty, with millions of dollars and massive defense organizations behind them. At the hearings on red infiltration of the movie industry, there were a number of so called "friendly" or anti-communist witnesses, along with the "unfriendly" ten who refused to testify. Have the friendly Hollywooders been hailed as heroes by our "hysterical" people and the others outlawed?

Quite the contrary. The "unfriendly" ten are mostly back at work and are being lionized by all the dumbhead "progressives." The friendly witnesses did not suffer direct economic pressure, but they were all nevertheless subjected to vicious smear campaigns.

To hear the heralds of hysteria, the proverbial man from Mars might suppose that there have been hundreds of trials of reds and that the accused were denied the customary safeguards. Actually there have been only half a dozen. In every instance the judges and juries meticulously followed the best judicial traditions. In a few cases—notably the trial of 11 communist Party chieftains—the court took ugly abuse from defendants, defense lawyers, red picket lines and the "liberal" press. The vital point is that all the trials dealt not with fictitious crimes and red herrings but with charges based on voluminous evidence. In all those concluded at this writing verdicts of guilty were handed down.

Several dozen of the thousands of foreign communists have been tapped for deportation, in accordance with laws long on the statute books. Except for a few who fled and a few more who departed voluntarily, those dozens are still in our midst, plying their communist trades.

Consider the contrast in the fate of a communist who runs afoul of the law and a good American whose anti-communist zeal results in legal action. Mrs. Hester McCullough of Greenwich, Connecticut, is a current exhibit of the latter. Having protested against the appearance of two performers who admittedly have been connected with an array of subversive organizations, her property and bank account were attached and she was left penniless to fight a libel suit alone. Only a few hardy individuals—Sokolsky, Pegler, Fulton Lewis, Jr.—rallied to her support.

But communists and fellow-travelers in roughly similar plights instantly have at their command the Lawyers Guild, the Civil Rights Congress, often the American Civil Liberties Union, aside from special committees set up for every new case. They automatically have at their disposal contingents of attorneys, defense funds, bail funds and nationwide publicity machines.

The yowling about witch-hunts is part of the totalitarian science of treason. It is deliberately designed to frighten educated idiots and lull the nation into inaction. Its over-all purpose is to maintain and even reinforce the immunity so long enjoyed by Stalin's fifth column in America. Unless those of us who see through the strategy can expose it in due time, it seems destined to succeed.

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couple of short blocks from his bus garage. While the cook drew his usual coffee and stood by for Martin's lunch order, Martin told him what he'd done.

"What'll I do now?" Martin wondered out loud, as he wiped a fleck of grease from his spectacles.

"Why not start a 'fix-it-yourself' garage?" suggested the Fat Boy fry boy. The suggestion sounded good to Martin. He mulled it over, talked about it with friends, then finally fixed on the idea and settled on a smooth-sounding name for the new business—Martin's Mechanical Mecca.

Martin's respect for advertising is notable. He didn't rely on crude signs or small classified ads to bring in business. He went further than most lone-wolf repair outfits ever go, to buy daily spot time on radio station KSMO, with a large following in the San Francisco Bay area. He also placed display ads in the local newspaper, and ordered a batch of folder matches with his advertising message printed on them.

And within a short time, cars in need of repair were limping, steaming, rattling or being towed into the dirty gray Mecca, each car bringing its own repair man with it. Some of the cars were big, some were small, some were new and some were old. Some, even, were foreign makes.

And before long Rol Martin was so busy that he began to wonder if maybe he hadn't jumped from one sort of frying pan into a hotter sort of fire. For, even if the customers were doing most of their own work, Rol's supervision and occasional helping hand amounted to a lot more than a pillowed and relaxed succession of "Tighten it here," or "Loosen it there." There were machines (like the cylinder-reboring tool) which had to be restricted to the deft touch of Martin's hands alone if he didn't want to spend a fortune keeping them in repair. And there were touchy operations like spray-painting which a lot of even the most competent amateurs either can't learn in one job or would rather leave up to an expert.

Unlike a lot of craftsmen, who hold a high disdain for the ability of anyone who hasn't served a long apprenticeship, Martin works on the assumption that any person with normal manual dexterity can do skilled auto repair if he is shown or told what to do. Proof of his faith is the fact that in all the months since the old Mecca first opened, only one sour job has gone out of it or the new Mecca that has taken its place.

About that job he isn't a bit ashamed. "If a man comes to me for advice or help," he explains, "he should take it."

This customer had overhauled his Lincoln Zephyr in his back yard. The job had seemed okay, but then he had read somewhere in a manual that he should have put in new cam-shaft bushings when he rebuilt the rest of the engine.

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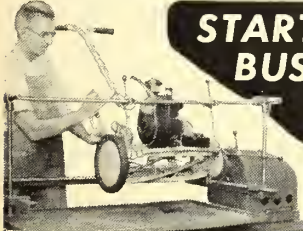
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Martin was right. The Zephyr owner had to tear down almost the entire engine to pull the cam shaft and put in the new bushings, thus disturbing the compression seal of the new piston rings, just nicely worn in, changing the seat of connecting-rod bearings, altering the delicate ad-

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justment of hydraulic valve lifters and the tight seal of newly refaced valves. He worked fifty-four hours, and Martin says the car was in worse shape when it went out than when it came in.

The best jobs turned out under his supervision, Martin thinks, are those done by men who know little about cars but who are familiar with care and precision through some other manual trade. A watchmaker, for example, he says, will pester him more than any other customer. "But no matter how many times he comes to me with questions, he'll make me happy by turning out a sweet, sweet job."

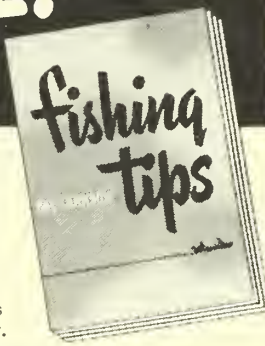
The Mecca always turns away "hot-rod" customers. Martin wants nothing to do with their ilk. He does, though, assist in the occasional slight "souping up" of cars owned by older men of steadier judgment.

One such car, for instance, was a 1947 Studebaker Champion owned by a radio operator from one of the air lines at the San Francisco airport, not many miles away. In the process of overhauling its engine, its owner decided he'd like to increase the horsepower. That Martin helped him to do—by shaving a few tiny fractions of an inch off the cylinder head to increase compression, by "porting" it (enlarging and polishing the intake tubes and ports so as to get the gasoline-air mixture to the cylinders more swiftly) and by "relieving" it, or flattening out a small bulge normally cast into the cylinder block between the valves on each cylinder.

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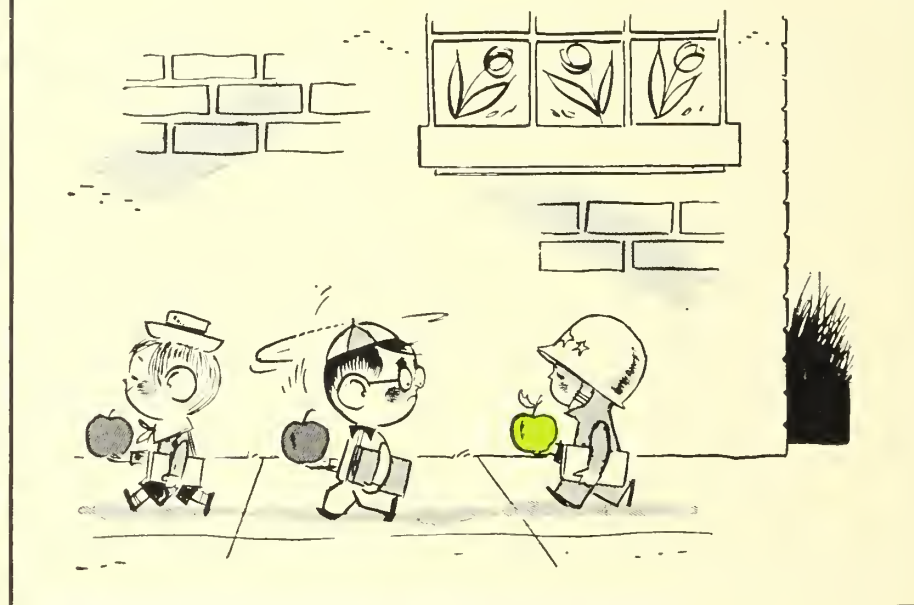
after they'd finished it, they tested it on a dynamometer. Furthermore, after the engine had run less than 200 miles, Martin and the owner made a cautious highway test: from a standing stop to 60 miles an hour in high in 13 seconds—two seconds slower, Martin says, than the hot-rod record!

How does this "do-it-yourself" venture affect the other more conventional repair garages around town? Not much, Martin figures; no one has complained to date. But he wouldn't like to see too much of the sort of tactics which have been used by one or two customers. Like the man

with a right-hand-drive English car. It was a product not only of, but for the British Isles, where sizes are metric instead of in inches, and where the threads on nuts and bolts were, until very recently, so different from American standards that interchange was impossible. "That was a Crescent-wrench job from start to finish," moans Martin. "None of our standard wrenches or parts would fit. Where we could, we used the adjustable Crescent-type wrenches, but more often we'd have to make our own. Oh yes, we finished the overhaul, and it was a sweet one. But never again, never another head-

GENERAL MISCHIEF

By **S. B. STEVENS**



who, when something went awry with his car, drove into a regular garage for a diagnosis of his troubles, then drove out and straight over to the Mecca to make his own repairs. Luckily, that kind of customer is scarce, and so far no conventional garage man has threatened violence against the Mecca.

There are other customers who come in, sign out on the work-time sheets (Martin uses the honor system on time keeping) and do an A-1 job without asking for a tool or bothering Martin with a question. And there are still others who know so little about a car that they think connecting rods work the brakes. Or they'll hold up a piston and wonder, "What's this dingus?" Some of his regular customers are so enchanted with tinkering that they stop in three or four times a week to do some piddling job, and Martin has to talk them out of a lot of unnecessary expenditures.

Where other repair shops of comparable size perform four or five rebored-cylinder jobs each month and consider that normal business, Martin averages sixteen. The only kinds of work not provided for in his shop are such highly specialized things as generator rebuilding, radiator repairing, glass installation.

He learned his lesson about specialized jobs once when he took on a customer

ache like that one!"

One of the most satisfying jobs ever to go out of the Mecca was a complete overhaul—from bumper to bumper—of a 1937 LaSalle. The owner did a repair job under Martin's supervision that would have cost him \$1000, Martin estimates, if he had paid to have it done. For him (and as he does for other customers with such major jobs) Martin charged less than the usual dollar-an-hour fee because the sale of parts alone brought him a fair profit.

At any rate, this LaSalle owner was so proud of his work that he painted the entire engine silver. The sideline amateurs, hanging over fenders, took to kidding the owner about his perfectionism. "All you lack, Mac, is gold-plated spark plugs," one of the kidders told him.

A day or so later, his work completed, the LaSalle owner took five for a cup of coffee with Martin at the Fat Boy before settling his bill. While he was gone, a couple of wags back at the shop gilded his spark plugs, and he drove the gold-plated job out of the shop in a chorus of cheers and honkings.

That was in the first Mecca—the dirty-gray place. Business had been good there, in spite of its one glaring fault—its location. Near as it was to seething lanes of traffic, prospective customers used to spend as much as half an hour milling

around the short, angled streets that surrounded it, finally locating it only as they were about to give up the search or actually giving up in the end. Martin guesses that for all the customers who eventually traced him down, as many more never did solve the maze.

So, with an established clientele, many of whom had first heard about the Mecca through the spot radio commercials, and with many more coming in through the newspaper ads, match folders or word-of-mouth, Martin decided that the potential for new business was more than worth the gamble of a new shop in a better location. The old Mecca closed down last September and Martin took a breather while work went along on the new shop in a far better location. By October 15th the new shop was finished, to be flooded, the first week, with eager customers from a long waiting list of impatient amateurs.

It was at this time that brothers Darrell and Dorwin came into the business with Rol. Darrell, like Rol, has been at auto repairing all his working life, added to his technique during the last war as a sergeant instructor in Fort Benning's mortar mechanics' school, later spent a year as an infantryman in the Pacific theatre, to return then as a cadre member to activate the 42nd (Rainbow) Division. Dorwin, who uses a converted bus as an insulation blower unit, was at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, at war's end.

Twice the old Mecca harbored expectant fathers who chose to soothe their nerves with grease and gears rather than to pace hospital corridors. One, who owned both a Jeep and a Cadillac, was deep into the overhauling of the bigger car's engine when he got word from home that the stork was in sight. He worked like a madman, Martin remembers, to finish the job

so his wife wouldn't have to bounce to the hospital in the Jeep. He succeeded, drove her there in cushiony comfort, and was rewarded with a baby girl.

The second case—a nonchalant salesman who parked his wife at a hospital to await their third child and calmly sweated it out at the Mecca by searching for the source of a growl in the differential of his aging Oldsmobile—went away with his repairs completed, but still with no call from the hospital.

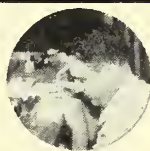
Rol Martin, who is a sensitive sort of guy, wishes that *that* customer would drop into the new Mecca sometime. He likes to have a complete record of things. Besides, he's keeping a few cigars (left over from the day the new Mecca had its grand official opening) and he'd be pleased to turn the tables on the long-since-new father by handing him a cigar.

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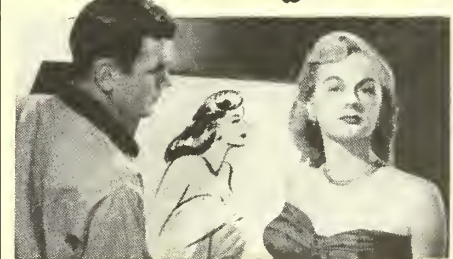
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— BY HARRY LAZARUS

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— BY CATHERINE E. BERRY

Mixed emotions: Watching your mother-in-law drive your new car over a cliff.

— BY D. S. HALACY, JR.

HOW TO WALK A MAN

(A Short Lesson For Dogs)

Whenever the man shows signs of restlessness simply because you are scratching at the front door, then you know it is time for his walk.

For the walk, a stout leash should be firmly attached to the man's wrist. By exerting gentle pressure on this leash with your neck, you may keep him in check, especially if he is a high-spirited, romping type of man who doesn't get enough exercise down at the office.

Your front porch steps are ideal for teaching the man a few tricks. By taking them fast, then suddenly hauling back on the leash you can teach him poise and

stability. Should you be lucky enough to pull him downstairs on the top of his head, stand guard by his corpse until the undertaker arrives. Then bite the undertaker. This may get your picture in the papers as a "Canine Hero." Everyone loves a hero.

Be ever considerate. Give your man an occasional rest, preferably at a tree or fire hydrant. The duration of such stop-overs should depend on how nervous and high-strung your man happens to be.

Never walk in a straight line, particularly where sidewalk traffic is heavy. The more pedestrians you bump him into, the oftener he will say "Excuse me," and the sooner he will learn good manners. Good manners are what count.

Sometimes your man may wish to stop and speak to a strange woman. Curb him, or keep him moving. A quick "hello" as you hurry him by, is sufficient.

In case your man is a lady, you will not have to tug as hard on the leash. Owing to their high heels, ladies pull over much easier.

— BY W. F. MIKSCH

CAREFUL? DRIVER

Off the gas and on the brake,
40 to 20 in a shake.

What, you ask, changed my mind—
In the mirror... a cop behind.

— BY WARREN TAYLOR

THAT'S TELLING HIM!

An old sailor had retired from the service. Each morning a youngster knocked on the door of his home, went in and came right out again. After this had gone on for some time and the neighbors' curiosity was aroused, one of them cornered the boy and said, "Why do you visit the sailor's home every day?"

"He gives me a dime if I say 'The skipper wants to see you immediately!'"

"And what does he say after that?"

"He roars 'Tell the skipper to go to h - - -!'"

— BY AL SPONG

SMALL FRY CRY

It isn't raining
It isn't snowing,
It's a nice day—
Where we going?

— BY CLARA GEE KASTNER

SEEN'S BELIEVIN'

The elderly farmer was enjoying the excitement of his first circus, but kept turning his gaze quizzically to the Big Top's brass band and the trombone player.

At last he shook his head and turned to his wife.

"There's a trick to it somewhere," he said. "That fella ain't really swallowin' that thing."

— BY ROBERT H. PRESCOTT

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